

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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The Honorable Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable Joe Hackney Speaker of the House North Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

I am writing to you as the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to report on an additional allocation of \$1,161,407 from the State Emergency Response Account to fund the public assistance programs related to the disaster caused by the Evans Road Fire in Hyde County that began in June 2008.

In a letter from OSBM dated July 21, 2008, you were informed that FEMA had authorized a Fire Management Assistance Declaration for the Evans Road Fire that occurred in Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. The FEMA declaration made the state eligible federal disaster assistance; however, the federal assistance requires a 25% state match. Prior to FY 2009-2010 the state had allocated \$5,116,233 from the State Emergency Response Account for activities related to this disaster. This allocation will increase the total amount disbursed for the Evans Road Fire to \$6,277,640. Pursuant to G.S. § 166A-6.01 and 166A-6.02, the Governor has approved the allocation of these funds from Budget Code 19031, State Emergency Response Account.

With regards, I am

Sincerely,

Charles Perusse

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