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Vermont Hurricane Disaster Relief Update

Dear GFC Client,

On August 29, 2011, the entire state of Vermont was declared a federal disaster area by President Obama based on the damage caused by Hurricane Irene. We at Gallagher Flynn & Company want to offer our condolences and help to clients that may have suffered losses from this storm.

This designation by the President creates opportunity for special tax treatment of losses and the opportunity for loans and grants to help your business get back on its feet. One of the key provisions of this designation is that losses can be claimed either on your 2011 income tax return or by claiming your loss on an amended 2010 income tax return. Thus, it is not necessary to wait until the tax year closes to obtain a refund based on your loss.

The following are links that you may find helpful in evaluating what to do next:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p2194.pdf> - This is the IRS Disaster Losses Kit for Individuals. It is a compilation of IRS publications that provide information and instructions for individuals who suffered financial losses.

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p2194b.pdf> - this is the IRS Disaster Losses Kit for Businesses, similar to the above but designed for the business owner.

<http://www.fema.gov/> - The FEMA website with contact info and other guidance.

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/> - This is the federal site for assistance from federal agencies, including pre-screening, applications on line, and checking on submitted applications.

We are available to help you with these and other resources.

For more details, contact your GFC advisor either at (802) 863-1331 in South Burlington, VT or at (603) 643-0043 in Hanover, NH with any questions.

