



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 17, 2025

Mr. Jeffrey D. Lusk  
Director  
Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience  
Field Operations Center – West  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
6501 Sylvan Road  
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Dear Mr. Lusk:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Morris County as a result of the Thunderstorms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes that occurred on April 4, 2025.

Beginning April 4, 2025, severe storms swept through the Northeast Texas region, bringing damaging straight-line winds, heavy rainfall, and tornado activity. The storms caused widespread damage, including uprooted trees and significant structural damage to homes and businesses. Additionally, several areas experienced power outages as a result of the storm's impact.

On April 15, 2025, damage assessments were conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Morris County to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least (32) homes and (5) businesses in Morris County sustained major damage and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Governor's Authorized Representative, Chief Nim Kidd at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott", written in a cursive style.

Greg Abbott  
Governor