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Subject: HURRICANE HELENE EMERGENCY HARVEST PROTOCOL FOR HEMP GROWERS IN AL
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EMERGENCY HARVEST AND SAMPLING PROTOCOL FOR HEMP GROWERS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HELENE

Please read the below protocol carefully so that you comply fully with it:

1. Only hemp growers in areas of Alabama sustaining damage from Hurricane Helene (as determined by USDA FSA) may deviate from the established protocol, and only with approval from ADAI.
2. Affected growers may harvest their crop and store it in an approved site (barn or other shelter on-site or in the immediate area). The storage site must be a licensed site within the Alabama Hemp Program. If the chosen site is not licensed site in the Alabama Hemp Program, they must obtain verbal approval for that site from ADAI hemp program personnel, to be followed as soon as possible with registration of that site.
3. Hemp crops harvested under this emergency protocol must be held intact in the form in which it was harvested until an ADAI inspector can collect a sample and the ADAI Food and Drug Lab can analyze the sample. The post-harvest sample collection protocol [80- 10-21-.02-(32) and 80-10-21-.12-(1)] will be followed by inspectors, wherein they collect a sample from harvested hemp that has been maintained in the form in which it was harvested.
4. ADAI inspectors will make every attempt to collect samples as soon as possible within 14 days after harvest.
5. Each variety, plot, and harvest date must be segregated with no comingling of plants. Each harvest must be clearly identified as to variety, plot, planting date, and harvest date.
6. Growers are prohibited from trimming, bucking, moving, selling, or processing the collected materials until sampling and THC analysis has been completed.
7. If the analytical result shows THC levels above 0.3% THC, a second post-harvest sample will be collected and tested.
8. A detailed written request from the grower, photo documentation and a signed agreement of the emergency protocol is required from the grower.

The attached form is the REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY HARVEST/SAMPLING PROTOCOL. Please take pictures of the grow site areas affected by Hurricane Helene, complete the attached form, SIGN IT, and submit both the pictures and the completed form in an email to me requesting approval to harvest according to the emergency protocol. As soon as I receive the signed document, I will review/approve it and send you the approved copy. I will send it via

email and text message. If you have no internet access, please try calling me at 334-546-6687 with the information for the form.

If you talk to other growers in your area, I will be working tonight and this weekend to handle any requests that come in.
- Gail

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

GROWER NAME: _____

GROWER LICENSE NUMBER: _____ COUNTY: _____

LICENSEE SIGNATURE: _____

FOR ADAI USE ONLY:

REQUEST RECEIVED: _____

APPROVED: _____ Date: _____