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### **Pharmacies Affected by Recent Natural Disasters**

The Missouri Board of Pharmacy has become aware of several pharmacies that have been required to close or relocate due to severe weather and/or potential flooding. On April 22, 2011, Governor Jay Nixon issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency for the state of Missouri. Rule 20 CSR 2220-2.016 establishes pharmacy operating procedures during declared disasters. You can find 20 CSR 2220-2.016 at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20c2220-2.pdf>. Pursuant to section (2), pharmacies in the affected areas may relocate to a temporary or mobile facility. Pharmacies may begin operation upon relocation. However, licensees should notify the Board of the temporary/mobile facility's location within 48 hours after relocation and provide an estimate of how long the temporary/mobile facility may be needed. Notification may be provided by calling the Board at 573/526-6985 or may be faxed to 573/526-3464 or e-mailed to [pharmacy@pr.mo.gov](mailto:pharmacy@pr.mo.gov). You will be contacted by your inspector to schedule an inspection at a later date. *Note: Licensure is not required for the temporary/mobile facility, however, an official change of pharmacy location will be required if the temporary/mobile facility is operational for more than six months.*

Licensees temporarily closing or relocating are cautioned to ensure medications are adequately stored and secured. For additional questions, please contact the Board's Chief Inspector Tom Glenski at 660/535-4374. Licensees located in the following affected counties may also contact Inspector Barbara Wood at 618/473-2054:

*Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, Stoddard, Washington, and Wayne.*