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Press Release: Chairman and Omaha Tribal Council Welcome Presidential decision for Additional Disaster Assistance

Omaha Tribal Council Chairman Vernon Miller and the Omaha Tribal Council were advised on April 19, 2016 that President Obama had approved their request for a federal cost share adjustment and made additional disaster assistance available to the Omaha Tribe.

President Obama's approval completes a four year journey for the Omaha Tribe in its efforts reduce the financial burden of the Tribe as a result of flooding of the Missouri River on the Tribe's Reservation during the period of May 24 to August 1, 2011 in Iowa and during the period of May 25 to August 1, 2011 in Nebraska.

Pursuant to the President's Order, Federal share for Public Assistance has been increased from 75 percent to 90 percent of the total eligible costs for the Tribe. Accordingly, the Tribe will be responsible for a cost share match of ten rather than twenty five percent.

Chairman Miller stated: "The flood of 2011 was a man-made disaster caused by the Army Corp of Engineers. We are pleased the federal government chose to be part of the solution and is illustrative of the excellent relationship our Tribe has enjoyed with the Obama Administration."