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## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Deadline Approaching**

*Charles Mix, Hughes, Stanley and Union Counties Must Apply within One Week*

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The Department of Labor and Regulation reminds workers and self-employed individuals in Charles Mix, Hughes, Stanley and Union counties that the deadline to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is Thursday, Sept. 29.

To be eligible for benefits, individuals must be unemployed or unable to do business as a direct result of the spring flooding that occurred from March 11 – July 22, 2011.

To apply for benefits, call the Unemployment Insurance Call Center at 605-626-3179 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Individuals should specify their claim is related to the DUA spring flooding.

Individuals will need their Social Security number, copies of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs, or documentation to support they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred. The first possible week of compensation for DUA purposes is weekending March 19, 2011, and the last possible week of compensation is weekending November 12, 2011.

Re-employment assistance is available through the Department of Labor and Regulation local offices. All programs and services are provided at no charge. Detailed information is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)