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Workers Impacted by Flooding May Qualify for Unemployment Benefits

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation reminds workers who have been laid off as a result of flood-related issues they may be eligible for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.

“Some businesses have been forced to close because of flooding,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. “If affected employees meet certain eligibility guidelines and monetary wage requirements, they may qualify for benefits.”

UI benefits provide a temporary source of income to people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own until they find other work. Per statutory requirement, claimants must serve a one week waiting period before receiving benefit payments.

People can file claims online at www.sd.uiclaims.com or by calling 605-626-3179 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. (CDT).