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## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Deadline Approaching**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation reminds tribal members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation that the deadline to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is Wednesday, Sept. 16.

To be eligible for benefits, tribal members must be unemployed or unable to do business as a direct result of the severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred May 8-29, 2015.

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. CDT. Individuals should state their claim is related to DUA and the May storms.

Tribal members will need their Social Security cards, 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 week ending May 16, 2015, and the last possible week of compensation is week ending Feb. 6, 2016.

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).