



## KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Director

August 3, 2022

Commissioner Rick Rand  
Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction  
500 Mero Street, First Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Licensed HVAC Mechanic and Contractor Shortage

Dear Commissioner Rand:

One challenge to the recovery and rebuilding efforts for those impacted by the floods and severe weather events in beginning July 26, 2022, in eastern Kentucky continues to be the insufficient number of available Kentucky Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) licensees. As a result, I am taking the following action:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.070(3) and Executive Order 2022-457 paragraph 6, the Division of Emergency Management directs the Department of Housing, Building and Construction to allow out-of-state HVAC workers who are not licensed in Kentucky to perform volunteer work in Kentucky to assist with the rebuilding efforts related to the severe weather events beginning July 26, 2022, in the following eastern Kentucky counties: Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe.

This directive is limited to HVAC workers who are licensed in their home state, in good standing with his or her licensing jurisdiction, and are offering services on a volunteer basis. Any HVAC work performed by an out-of-state HVAC workers under this directive shall be permitted and inspected by a Kentucky HVAC inspector. HVAC workers who hold a license in their home state would not be eligible to perform for-profit HVAC work without the applicable Kentucky license.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy C. Slinker".

Jeremy C. Slinker, Director  
Kentucky Emergency Management