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DEPT. OF LABOR CONDUCTS OUTREACH IN AREAS OF WOODWARD HIT BY APRIL TORNADO

Oklahoma City – Labor Commissioner Mark Costello announced the Oklahoma Department of Labor’s OSHA Consultation Division recently conducted a safety outreach in the areas of Woodward most affected by the April 15<sup>th</sup> tornados. Consultants from the Labor Department were on the ground providing assistance and information on clean-up and recovery phase safety and health practices.

Costello states OSHA Consultation will continue providing on-site compliance assistance to recovery workers and volunteers to ensure they are aware of the hazards they may encounter and necessary steps they should take to remain safe and healthy. Workers can be exposed to a wide array of hazards during storm recovery efforts that can be minimized by knowledge, safe work practices, and the use of personal protective equipment.

“Our hearts go out to the victims and we want to assist those involved with clean up and recovery by providing information on hazards they may face in the clean-up effort. My thanks go out to the many volunteers and businesses that are aiding in the clean-up in Woodward,” stated Costello.

Additional tornado recovery outreach information can be found at [www.labor.ok.gov](http://www.labor.ok.gov)