



**Binghamton PEF Division 399**  
**OTDA – DDD**

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Thursday, June 29, 2006

To: Assemblywoman Lopardo  
From: Kathy D’Arminio  
Re: Issues at Glendale due to Flood Disaster

I am asking for your assistance regarding issues that have occurred at the Glendale Facility. As you know, the Southern Tier of NYS was devastated with severe flooding starting on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Some of our members were able to make it to the work place Wednesday AM. AT 10:00 AM, the administration, with direct orders from Acting Deputy Commissioner Gloria Toal, instructed all of the DDD employees at the Glendale Facility to leave immediately. The office was then reopened on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Some of these employees were able to find a way to work, while others were unable to do this due to flooding and road closures.

Today, our members were instructed, that even though the administration at DDD instructed them to leave, that they would have to charge their own accruals as GOER did not declare that they could go home.

Around 12:30 PM Wednesday, June 28th, Governor Pataki was on our local news visiting the Broome County area. Governor Pataki announced that he declared a state disaster emergency for nine counties, including Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Tioga counties. He stated that the “County Executive has announced No unnecessary travel – no travel going to work unless essential services should be undertaken”. Our members are **NOT** considered essential employees.

Richard Fletcher and myself have been in contact with Paul West and Ed Ray for assistance in this matter. I understand that Central PEF is working on this issue and I am grateful once again for the support of PEF. What I would like to see is an immediate resolution regarding this matter and **not** for it to be tied up in ***grievances for months***. I would find this ***unconscionable*** for the Governor’s office ***not*** to take ***immediate action*** on this matter.

In addition, Thursday afternoon, there was a Boil Water Mandate for Endicott, NY. We have been working with the DDD administration and they have been in contact with the Deputy Commissioner and OGS regarding providing water for our members. At this time, this still has been unresolved. I realize that there are other crucial matters happening in our community, but if they are expecting our members to be at the work place, the facility needs to be a safe environment for our members.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cc President Roger Benson  
Ken Brynien  
Paul West  
Ed Ray  
Robert Carrothers  
Mary Twitchell