



**Jan. 27, 2012**

## Albemarle EMC Reimbursed for Hurricane Irene Storm Damage

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation has been reimbursed for recovery work resulting from destruction caused by Hurricane Irene.

The co-op received \$211,416.99 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and expects another \$67,839.67. The remaining balance should be released after a final inspection by FEMA officials. The funds will go into the co-op's general fund to replace funds spent during the storm recovery. Gary Ray, general manager of Albemarle EMC, credited the expedited return of the funds to the co-op's attentive documentation of storm work.

"We had a plan in place prior to the storm to track recovery work," Ray said. "The FEMA representatives that met with us said they were satisfied that we had documented the work properly and that reimbursement wouldn't be an issue."

Hurricane Irene passed over Albemarle EMC's service area on Aug. 27, 2011, cutting off power to 9,700 members. The co-op was able to restore power to all of its members by the afternoon of Aug. 29.

Albemarle EMC, located near Hertford, is a member-owned, nonprofit electrical co-op that serves more than 12,000 members. The service territory includes the counties of Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and a part of Currituck.



Jan. 12, 2012

## Youth Tour Competition Begins

Area 11th- and 12th-grade students have the chance to compete for the opportunity of a lifetime.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will sponsor a seven-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 16-22, for two students who win an essay-writing competition. Students who enter will prepare a short essay on one of five topics related to electrical co-ops and electricity use.

In addition, the students chosen will also have the opportunity to compete for the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship and the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. The third scholarship, worth \$2,000, will be awarded to the student selected for the Youth Leadership Council, which is a national advisory committee to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Students attending any of the schools in Chowan, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties can apply. Essay and application forms can be found by visiting [www.albemarle-emc.com](http://www.albemarle-emc.com) and clicking on the Washington Youth Tour link found on the home page. Completed essays are due by March 19 and should be mailed to Chris Powell, Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 69, Hertford, NC 27944-0069. For more information, call (252) 426-2586 and ask for Chris Powell, or e-mail Chris Powell at [chris.powell@aemc.coop](mailto:chris.powell@aemc.coop).

The Washington Youth Tour provides the winning students the opportunity to see Washington, D.C. in a way that most never will be able to. During their stay, students from across North Carolina will tour historic sites, visit with North Carolina representatives and form friendships with students representing other electric cooperatives. Students can go to [NCElectricCooperatives.com](http://NCElectricCooperatives.com) and [YouthTour.coop](http://YouthTour.coop) to get highlights from the 2011 tour. You can also join our Facebook page by searching for North Carolina Youth Tour on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).