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Architects, Building Inspectors Respond to Kansas Tornado Disaster *Teams work together to assess 410 residences and commercial buildings*



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Of 27 commercial buildings:

- 14 were habitable with minor damage
- 7 allow limited entry with minor to severe damage
- 6 were unsafe.

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The Kansas Disaster Assessment Program is a joint program

of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, AIA Kansas, and the Heart of America Chapter of the International Council of Building Officials. Disaster inspection certification and recertification training programs are presented twice a year; the next one will be September 20 in Wichita, preceding the 2001 AIA Kansas Conference and Exhibition. For more information on the Kansas Disaster Assessment Program, contact AIA Kansas, 800-444-9853 or www.aiaks.org. ■

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A devastating Category F4 tornado struck Hoisington, Kans., on Saturday night, April 21; Sunday morning found members of the Kansas Disaster Assessment Program on the scene inspecting the damage. Working until dark, the assessment teams—architects, structural engineers, and building inspectors who are certified disaster inspectors—thoroughly checked 410 structures.



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A breakdown of the damage shows:

Of 378 single-family residences:

- 32 had no damage
- 144 were habitable with minor damage
- 94 allow limited entry with moderate to severe damage
- 104 were unsafe.

Of 7 multifamily buildings:

- 3 were habitable with minor damage
- 1 allows limited entry with minor to severe damage
- 3 were unsafe



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