

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Update for the Governor's Newsletter

On March 5, 2001, Governor Musgrove designated the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as the lead state agency for managing a new federal program, the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will provide millions of dollars to Mississippi local governments and other organizations to implement projects to protect and improve the health of the Mississippi Coastal ecology.

On March 28, 2001, Governor Musgrove signed Executive Order No. 844, establishing the Governor's Water and Sewer Task Force, and designating Charles Chisolm, MDEQ Executive Director, as Chairman. The task force, charged with submitting recommendations to the Governor by October 15, 2001, will focus its efforts on water supply and wastewater treatment system infrastructure needs that must be addressed to promote economic development and improve the quality of life, especially in the state's rural areas.