
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR, RENICK
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: HAZARADOUS WASTE
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2001
CC: MAYO

LEAKAGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE NEAR PEARL RIVER

Ingelhart Industrials in South Jackson (1600 ft. west of the Pearl River near McDowell Road, S of I-20) produces an acidic hazardous waste which is usually pumped into an underground injection; however, some repairs are being made to this well and it will not be ready for another 3 weeks.

Ingelhart Industries obtained approval from DEQ to use a temporary pond for the discharge of this waste; however, over the weekend the **dam began to fail, currently staff are seeing leakage of 500 gallons per minute**. DEQ staff are writing a press release to notify the public of the impending danger. Prior to the release or any calls to the Hinds County EOC, DEQ staff will contact our office.

DEQ staff is reviewing corrective actions to prevent the dam's failure; however, no solution has been identified. The leakage of this material will cause environmental damage all along the river due to the Ph level of 1.2.