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## **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TEAMS BEGIN DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS**

(Jackson, Miss.) — Teams of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (DHS EP&R), Small Business Administration (SBA), and local emergency management officials are conducting preliminary damage assessments (PDA's). These assessments are being performed to confirm the initial damage survey reports conducted by local officials. These joint PDA team assessments will be used to estimate the type and extent of federal disaster assistance that may be available to the citizens of the State of Mississippi.

These teams are staffed by specialists with extensive experience in Human Services. The teams will be surveying the areas of damage and interviewing residents to determine the extent of the disaster on individuals and families.

The joint summary report of the damage assessment will be used by MEMA to determine the greatest financial assistance that may be available for the majority of those affected by the April 6 storms. The teams will be working on an aggressive schedule to complete the PDA's.

The teams will not be accepting requests for interviews. All media inquiries should continue to come through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

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