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APRIL 6 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

(Jackson, Miss.) — The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is assisting Clarke County officials in monitoring the rising waters of the Chickasawhay River. Clark County officials report that the town of Enterprise is currently experiencing flooding and rising river waters may affect the towns of Quitman and Shubuta over the next 24 hours.

MEMA continues to work with municipalities and county emergency management agencies to assess damage to homeowners and businesses in 15 counties across the state. The assessments are first-hand, on-the-ground, surveys by teams of local officials to determine the type and amount of damage the strong storm system on April 6 inflicted on individuals and property.

The preliminary damage reports to MEMA indicate approximately 983 homes, 143 mobile homes, 31 apartment complexes, 126 businesses, and 42 agricultural areas were affected by the severe weather, including flooding and tornadoes. The storms caused injuries to nine individuals and contributed to the death of one individual.

The damage report reflected above is as of 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 9. Local officials will continue to provide daily updates to MEMA as survey teams compile information from homeowners and businesses.

“We are working closely with local government to meet the immediate needs of the citizens affected and to utilize available local and state resources to assist in the response effort,” said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

Once all municipal and county damage surveys are complete, MEMA will coordinate with federal agencies to determine if federal assistance will be available. MEMA encourages citizens that experienced damage from the severe weather April 6 to contact their county emergency management office.

The MEMA Emergency Operations Center is currently at level two and includes representatives from the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Mississippi State Department of Health, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and the American Red Cross.

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