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REDUCED HOURS FOR FEMA HELPLINE AND REGISTRATION TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

TUPELO – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced today the FEMA toll-free Helpline and registration line are now available Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The drop in the number of requests for assistance allowed reduced hours.

Representatives of both FEMA and MEMA encourage anyone with questions about disaster recovery programs or their requests for assistance, to call the Helpline at **1-800-525-0321**. Those with speech or hearing impairment may call the Helpline at **1-800-660-8005**.

Those who prefer to meet face-to-face with state or federal disaster officials may continue to do so by visiting one of the remaining Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC). The location of the four DRCs currently open around the state are:

Open Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

B's Barbeque
122 Highway 15N
Pontotoc, MS

University Mall
2031 Highway 45N
Columbus, MS

Open Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Old Campo Appliance Store
4600 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS

Duckworth Center
211 Arkansas Avenue
Columbia, MS

Mississippians who were affected by the recent tornadoes and violent storms, and who have not registered with FEMA for assistance are urged to do so now. The deadline for registering for assistance is April 24. The toll free registration number – the phone call required to begin the process of disaster assistance – is **1-800-462-9029**, or **1-800-462-7585**, for the speech or hearing impaired.

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