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Mississippi Emergency Management Agency – Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Date: December 16, 2002

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FEMA - 662-329-7570

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**Disaster Field Office Closes**

**COLUMBUS, MS**—The disaster field office, opened in Columbus, Mississippi to administer disaster assistance programs available to Mississippians as a result of President Bush's disaster declaration of November 14, will close Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

Staff from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been located in this temporary office to provide a base of operations for inspectors and other disaster recovery workers who have been processing requests for assistance.

After 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, please direct MEMA media inquires to the Mississippi Public Affairs Officer, Amy Carruth, at (601-960-9039 or 601-953-3622). Ms. Carruth will be available to provide timely information about further Mississippi recovery operations and answer media-related questions. Please direct all written communications to:

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
P.O. Box 4501  
Jackson, MS, 39296-4501  
601-352-9100

After 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, please direct FEMA media inquires to our Region IV Public Affairs Officer, Mary Hudak, at 770-220-5226. Ms. Hudak will be available to provide timely information about further recovery operations and answer media-related questions. Please direct all written communications to:

FEMA Region IV  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341

We at the Disaster Field Office appreciate the cooperation we received from all Mississippi news organizations in disseminating important public information since President Bush declared the Mississippi disaster on November 14, 2002.