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Disaster Update



Mississippi Emergency Management Agency – Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Weekly Disaster Recovery Update for November 22

COLUMBUS, MS – Note to Editors: State, federal, local and voluntary agencies are working in partnership to help Mississippi residents recover from the recent flooding. Following is a summary of ongoing response and recovery efforts as of close of business, Thursday, November 21, 2002. Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will update this information on a daily basis from their Joint Information Center in Jackson, Miss.

- To date, more than 800 individuals and business owners affected by the recent Mississippi severe storms and tornadoes have registered for assistance through FEMA's toll-free registration line. More than \$300,000 has been approved for disaster housing assistance and more than \$700,000 approved for other needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration has issued 184 home and 74 business loan applications and approved more than \$284,200 in disaster loans.
- There is a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Columbus located at:
2320 Highway 45 North
Former Lowe's Home Supply
It is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until further notice.
- Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers operating in Columbus:
until Friday at 5 p.m. at:
Zion Gate Baptist Church
1202 5th Street South

Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24:

Stephan's Chapel Baptist Church
514 20th Street North
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Individuals affected by the disaster are encouraged to register at the FEMA toll-free tele-registration number at **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or for the speech or hearing impaired, **TTY 800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

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Note: Additional information for the media is available between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday by calling the FEMA News Desk at 662-244-6069.