

TO: Local Emergency Management Directors
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SUBJECT: MEMA Information
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The following is copy from a press release that MEMA will issue if needed. I am sending this information to you to help you answer any media inquiries that may come your way regarding MEMA and what the State is doing during this event. I am available to help you answer any other questions the media or your offices may have - you can reach me at my office at 601-960-9039 or on my pager at 601-930-2652. Keep this information handy and I will try to send an update if needed as things change at MEMA.

Thanks for you time and all the hard work!

(Jackson) – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is in constant contact with the Governor's office and all the State agencies. MEMA will continue to relay information from the local county levels to the Governor's office and staff. MEMA also continues to maintain open communication lines with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal officials.

Currently MEMA has a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) in place to deal not only with preparedness and response of natural disasters and emergencies but also incidents involving weapons of mass destruction or terrorism. "We are working with State and local agencies to review these plans to ensure they address every need in light of the recent events," said Robert Latham, Director of MEMA. MEMA encourages all elected officials and emergency services personnel to review their emergency management plans to ensure a cooperative response.