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SUBJECT: 10/20/01 Daily Activity Report

(Jackson) – The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) at MEMA is activated at a Level 2 with representatives from MS Department of Environmental Quality, MS Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshall's Office and MS Department of Health.

Since October 18, 2001, 208 reports in 44 counties have been received by the SEOC. Most of these reported cases involve suspicious mail or the suspected presence of Anthrax. The reports came from the following 41 counties: Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Claiborne, Clarke, Coahoma, Copiah, Forrest, George, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Neshoba, Newton, Oktibbeha, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Rankin, Scott, Stone, Sunflower, Tate, Tunica, Union, Warren, and Yazoo.

All HazMat, Fire & Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Medical/Health teams in the affected areas remain on high alert. **The total number of samples received at the State Health Department Lab is 84.** According to the State Department of Health, no substance tested by the lab has been positive for anthrax.

MEMA encourages the public to return to their daily routines and lives. If you see anything that looks unfamiliar or suspicious, please report it to your local law enforcement.

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