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## **Governor Musgrove Calls on FEMA for Decision Regarding Disaster Assistance**

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today called Joe Allbaugh, Executive Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to reinforce again the need for action regarding Mississippi's request for disaster assistance.

“I spoke with Mr. Allbaugh this afternoon and asked him about the status of our request,” Musgrove said. “He said our request and his recommendation for help were on President Bush's desk.”

Nine Mississippi counties suffered damage from tornadoes on November 24. There were five fatalities and over one hundred injuries from the storms. A total of \$2,245,671.00 in assistance was requested. The total breaks down as follows: \$850,996 for individual assistance; \$770,750 for temporary housing costs; and \$623,925 for public assistance.

“It has been more than a week since we submitted the paperwork. Our people are hurting and need help,” Musgrove said. “I hope President Bush will grant us assistance.”