

Talking Points
Homeland Security
March 19.2003

- Yesterday, we held a security briefing with the Mississippi Homeland Security Council.
- I raised Mississippi's threat level to ORANGE or high alert in response to similar action taken by the President.
- I issued a state of emergency to help ensure the safety of the people of Mississippi.
- With an executive order, we are deploying our national guard to protect our ports and the grand gulf nuclear facility.
- I want to assure the people of Mississippi that we are prepared.

- While there is no specific information at this time relating to a threat against Mississippi, we will do all that is necessary to protect our people.
- We will continue to work with our federal and local law enforcement partners.
- We will provide as much information as we can in the coming days.
- We urge everyone to continue to remain vigilant and alert.
- I ask all Mississippians to join me in support of our US Forces, including more than 4,500 Mississippi guard and reserve members who may be put in harms way.
- Our prayers are with the President, our troops, and their families.