

Governor's Talking Points for Tour of Damage Area

- Safety and well being of victims is our first concern. Counties are working to account for all residents. Shelters being provided as needed, as well as feeding arrangements for disaster victims and first responders. (1 shelter at Pontotoc Armory opened)
- 8 fatalities in Pontotoc County and 1 in Leflore County
- Clear roads to recovery personnel can get into the area.
- Restoring electrical power. Only 215 in the Greenville area without power; Pontotoc electrical power association crews working to restore.
- Damage assessment teams are in the field now.
- Several hundred homes destroyed and/or damaged, 2 churches destroyed in Lee County, and 15 businesses moderate damage in Lee County...we will have more accurate information when the damage assessment teams return and we are able to compile the information.
- FEMA is here as a result of the Presidential declaration we received last Friday. We are working with them to determine the best way see that aid gets to the victims of last night's storm.

(NOTE to GOV: FEMA could reopen the incident period for the Feb. 16 storm to include this current event, **or** compile the damage figures and declare the Feb. 24 storm as a separate incident.)