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**GOV. BARBOUR ALERTS MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS TO TROPICAL  
WEATHER THREAT**

JACKSON – Gov. Haley Barbour called more than 120,000 residents in seven Mississippi counties about the growing threat of tropical weather from Tropical Storm Lee. Governor Barbour began the callout around noon today to residents in George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Marion, Pearl River and Stone counties. Earlier today, the Governor declared a State of Emergency for the same seven counties.

Below is the text of the Governor's message:

“This is Governor Haley Barbour and I want to urge you to keep a close eye on the tropical weather now in the Gulf of Mexico.

“There is no reason to panic. But, you should not underestimate the impact of this storm. This tropical weather is expected to produce tremendous rain that may cause serious flooding on the Gulf Coast and across South Mississippi especially near other waterways. Take the necessary precautions to protect your family and your property.

“And now is the time for you and your family to make preparations, don't wait. Be sure you have disaster supplies such as flashlights and fresh batteries, water and non-perishable food items, and a battery-powered weather radio. And, just in case, you need an evacuation plan so you'll know where to go and how to get there if an evacuation is necessary. At times like these, we need to pray for the best but prepare for the worst.

“Please stay tuned to local media stations for the latest storm predictions. For more information go to MEMA's Web site at [MSEMA.org](http://MSEMA.org), that's [MSEMA.org](http://MSEMA.org).

“Thank you.”

A copy of the audio file is attached.

For more information on Tropical Storm Lee visit MEMA's Web site at [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org). You can also follow them on Twitter and Facebook for updates.

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