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Mississippi Storm Damage Update

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has received confirmation of 35 storm-related deaths. The most recent death was reported from Monroe County during search and recovery efforts.

Statewide preliminary damage assessments show 2,527 homes have been damaged with 993 deemed destroyed or suffering major damage. There are 104 businesses damaged with 62 of those destroyed or suffering major damage. Damage assessments are still ongoing.

A federal disaster declaration was granted for Mississippi in Clarke, Greene, Hinds, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette and Monroe counties Friday night. Residents and business owners in those counties can begin registering for federal assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Additional assessments are underway in other counties for the possibility of being added for federal assistance.

Governor Haley Barbour announced the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund Inc. is accepting donations to help communities recover from the April 15 and April 27 storms and those in the path of the floods of the Mississippi River. Anyone who would like to contribute can donate either through the web site, www.mississippiirelief.com, or text "MS" to "27722" to give \$10 to the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund.

Donors also can send a check to the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund, c/o BankPlus, 4450 Old Canton Road, Suite 101, Jackson, MS, 39211, or donate at any BankPlus branch.

MEMA will continue to provide additional reports as information becomes available.

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