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MEMA ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS

Pearl –Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack announced today a total of 27 Mississippi counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will receive Local Emergency Planning Committee grants. The grants will assist the LEPCs in each county with emergency preparedness, response and public education about hazardous materials within their community.

The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant program. These grant funds can be used to supplement salaries, travel, education and outreach, exercises as well as for purchasing equipment.

“We often tend to focus our attention on natural disasters, but we shouldn’t forget about the risk that hazardous materials can pose to our communities,” Womack said. “These grants funds will help these counties continue the work they are doing to prepare and educate their citizens of their risk.”

LEPC grants were awarded to the following counties:

Clay:	\$4,490	Marion:	\$1,000
Copiah:	\$8,250	MBCI:	\$4,250
Covington:	\$7,250	Oktibbeha:	\$5,000
Desoto:	\$4,200	Panola:	\$4,500
Forrest:	\$4,000	Pontotoc:	\$3,500
George:	\$2,250	Rankin:	\$3,000
Itawamba:	\$1,000	Scott:	\$4,250
Jackson:	\$3,000	Tallahatchie:	\$5,550
Jefferson Davis:	\$6,250	Tate:	\$1,600
Lauderdale:	\$5,500	Tunica:	\$4,000
Lawrence:	\$6,350	Warren:	\$5,750
Leake:	\$2,500	Wayne:	\$4,550
Leflore:	\$4,750	Webster:	\$4,250
Lowndes:	\$2,300	Yazoo:	\$5,050

The total grant award is \$118,340 going to the local counties. Mississippi currently has 49 active LEPCs.

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