

MEMA NEWSLETTER

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GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION EXERCISE

Did you know Mississippi is home to a nuclear power plant? It's located in Port Gibson, Mississippi (Claiborne County). There are rigorous requirements in licensing, training, maintaining, and responding to a nuclear power plant, and MEMA is tasked with preparing for all hazards.

On July 13-14, the Mississippi Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan (MREPP) and select county radiological plans were put to the test by FEMA.

In conjunction with over 20+ state and federal partners and stakeholders, Claiborne, Adams, Hinds, and Warren Counties participated in the exercise that was hosted in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). FEMA graded our decision-making, communication and messaging, and execution of plans.



The exercise consisted of a simulated incident and release of radioactive material spread through two counties, resulting in simulated radioactive exclusion (hot) zone, agricultural and animal embargoes, and long-term relocation of residents. "It was a challenging yet rewarding and productive event," says Chief Operating Officer Matt Hewings.

As part of a final report that will be published in October, FEMA reported to the Mississippi stakeholders that **"All exercise objectives were met, and all core capabilities were fulfilled."** FEMA further said they anticipate issuing their "Reasonable Assurance Letter," a key component in GGNS's operating license.

Thank you to Adam Dunn and Sean Maily in our Preparedness Office for ensuring our team and state are ready to respond!





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Adam Dunn

Most recently, Adam was a key player in successfully executing the 2021 Grand Gulf Ingestion Pathway Exercise. He demonstrates expert-level knowledge of radiological emergency management response and constantly exhibits professionalism. Adam is always willing to help his team and produces superior work. Thank you for all that you do, Adam! Congratulations!

2021 MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Members of the MEMA team packed up and headed to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the 2021 Municipal League Conference on July 26-27! MEMA was one of over 150 organizations that set up a booth within the exhibit hall at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center. Team members were able to network with city officials from across the state and educate them on an array of emergency management topics such as FEMA assistance, the Crisis Track self-reporting tool and available mitigation projects. Deputy Director Clayton French also had the opportunity to speak to attendees about navigating the FEMA Public Assistance Program following a disaster.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			G400 TRAINING COURSE			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		DISTRICT 7 MEETING IN ADAMS COUNTY				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		G300 TRAINING COURSE				
29	30	31				