
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: I-59 REVERSE LANING: LETTER OF CONFIRMATION TO LOUISIANA
DATE 5/23/02
CC: FILE

This memo is for informational purposes only.

In response to my memo to you earlier this week regarding I-59, you asked if we needed to write a confirmation letter to Louisiana to confirm that Louisiana's Governor, rather than its Department of Transportation, would now authorize reverse laning of I-59 within Louisiana. Mr. Latham is already drafting such a letter to Mike Brown of the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness.

I am also trying to schedule an "update" meeting for 11:00 Tuesday with all agency officials involved. Mr. Latham agreed that we needed such a meeting because MDOT, once again, seems to be forgetting that MEMA is charged with the supervisory/lead role in an emergency response situation. Bob Chapman of MDOT is trying to rock the boat by saying that ending the reverse laning in Pearl River County, rather than further north, will only complicate the problem. Latham and I will take care of this at the meeting.

I'll keep you posted as to developments.