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## **Weekly Disaster Recovery Update for November 29**

**COLUMBUS, MS – Note to Editors:** State, federal, local and voluntary agencies are working in partnership to help Mississippi residents recover from the recent severe storms and tornadoes. Following is a summary of ongoing response and recovery efforts as of close of business, Wednesday, November 27, 2002.

- More than 1,032 individuals and business owners affected by the recent Mississippi severe storms and tornadoes have registered for assistance through FEMA's toll-free registration line. More than \$421,000 has been approved for disaster housing assistance and more than \$943,000 approved for other needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration has issued 371 home and 148 business loan applications and approved \$309,900 in disaster loans.
- There is a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Columbus located at:  
2320 Highway 45 North  
Former Lowe's Home Supply  
It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and  
12 noon to 6 p.m. Sundays until further notice.

Individuals affected by the disaster are encouraged to register at the FEMA toll-free tele-registration number at **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or for the speech or hearing impaired, **TTY 800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

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**Note: Additional information for the media is available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday by calling the FEMA News Desk at 662-329-7570.**