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SUBJECT: AFMM Assistance Team in Kosciusko

(Jackson) – The Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi (AFMM) will be in Kosciusko, MS on April 18 (Wednesday) at 9:15a.m. The AFMM team will be assisting Mr. John Munn, Building Official and Floodplain Administrator of the City of Kosciusko, with his substantial damage and loss estimation work.

"With the help of the AFMM team, the City of Kosciusko can begin to rebuild a flood safe town," said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

Initial reports in Attala County indicated that 100 homes and 25 mobile homes were damaged, leaving 18 families homeless. There were 31 businesses that reported damages from the floodwaters. Many roads and culverts were washed completely out and 13 bridges were damaged.

Flood Awareness Week is April 23-27, 2001 and MEMA is encouraging everyone to take action to prevent future flood damages to property. Simple steps include having flood insurance and build structures with water-resistant products.

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