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HURRICANE ISIDORE INFORMATION
MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is closely monitoring the damage received across the state as a result of the heavy rainfall and winds associated with Tropical Storm Isidore. The following information is being provided to citizens to aid in their safe response to the damage.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TOUR

- Governor Ronnie Musgrove and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Robert Latham will be touring coastal areas affected by the storm on Friday, September 27, 2002. Governor Musgrove is also scheduled to meet with FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh in Gulfport.

ROAD INFORMATION

- Currently there are four state maintained roadways that are closed in the affected coastal areas due to high water:
 - US 43 North of Picayune
 - MS 57 two miles North of I-10
 - MS 604 at Pearlington in Hancock County
 - MS 613 South of the Highrise Bridge at Moss Point
- US 90 is open, but motorists should drive with caution because of potential sand that may remain on the highway.

SHELTERS

There are four shelters open that currently house 48 individuals displaced due to flooding conditions. The following are the list of shelters currently open:

- D'Iberville High School in Harrison County is open and assisting 38 individuals.
- New Albany Middle School in Union County is open and assisting three individuals.
- Waveland Elementary in Hancock County is open and assisting six individuals.
- East Hancock Elementary in Hancock County is open and assisting one individual.

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FLOODING

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, county Civil Defense agencies and local officials continue to monitor damage related to heavy rainfall and flooding conditions in several counties of the state. Those counties reporting significant flooding include Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Pike, Lincoln, Pearl River and Tate Counties.

STORM RELATED FATALITIES

Two storm-related fatalities were reported on Thursday, one in Harrison County and one in Scott County.

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