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SUBJECT: 10/23/01 Daily Activity Report

(Jackson) – The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) at MEMA is activated at a Level 2 with representatives from MS Department of Environmental Quality, MS Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshall's Office and MS State Department of Health.

Since October 18, 2001, 274 reports in 49 counties have been received by the SEOC. Most of these reported cases involve suspicious mail or the suspected presence of a suspicious substance. The reports came from the following 49 counties: Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Clarke, Coahoma, Copiah, Desoto, Forrest, George, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Neshoba, Newton, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Quitman, Rankin, Scott, Stone, Sunflower, Tate, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, and Yazoo.

All HazMat, Fire & Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Medical/Health teams in the State remain on high alert. **The total number of samples received at the State Health Department Lab is 108.**

"I encourage the public to return to their daily routines and lives. If you see anything that looks unfamiliar or suspicious, please report it to your local law enforcement. MEMA's highest priority continues to be the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Mississippi," said Robert Latham, Director of MEMA.

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