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Governor Musgrove Announces Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grants for Seven Counties

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that seven counties have been awarded grants for hazardous materials preparedness through the MEMA. The grants will assist the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) in Claiborne, Hancock, Kemper, Lowndes, Newton, Tunica and Yazoo Counties with prevention, mitigation and public education about hazardous chemicals in their communities.

“Counties across Mississippi are working hard to ensure the safety and security of our people,” Musgrove said. “These grants will help to complete that work.”

The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation and State of Mississippi under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant program. The grants awarded are:

Claiborne County LEPC	\$7,700
Hancock County LEPC	\$3,500
Kemper County LEPC	\$2,900
Lowndes County LEPC	\$10,000
Newton County LEPC	\$10,000
Tunica County LEPC	\$10,000
Yazoo County LEPC	\$5,855

“We are pleased to be able to award funds for all seven of the grant applications received by LEPCs throughout the state,” said MEMA Director Robert Latham. “These funds require no local match and are available to LEPCs to provide hazardous materials training for emergency responders and educational materials for the public.”

Local Emergency Planning Committees will have an additional opportunity to apply for 2004 Hazardous materials Emergency Preparedness Grants in late summer.

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