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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **QUITMAN COUNTY SATELLITE FACILITY INMATES PROVIDE FLOOD CONTROL ASSISTANCE IN MARKS**

Marks - Fifty offenders from the Quitman County Community Work Center (CWC) located near Lambert were taken to Marks Saturday afternoon to assist local authorities with sand bagging efforts along the Coldwater River which passes through the southeast side of the town. Commander Danny Paris, CWC Director, reported that offenders from his facility filled sandbags on Thursday and Friday in preparation for the sandbagging effort. According to local authorities the Coldwater River has reached flooding stage as the result of the recent inordinate rainfall in the delta region.

“The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency called upon us to assist in flood control efforts at Marks,” said Deputy Commissioner of Institutions Christopher Epps. “We will continue to supply inmate labor as long as our services are needed by local authorities.”

Officials are continuing to monitor the situation along the Coldwater River. Another front approaching the delta region could exacerbate flood control efforts if an additional 2” to 4” inches of rain falls in the area as it is currently forecasted to do.

Commander Paris stated, “Our offenders will work until dark before returning to the center. We will be back sandbagging at daybreak on Sunday morning.” Commander Paris continued, “Because of the flood emergency, visitation at the work center will be cancelled on Sunday.”

