



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Office of Emergency Services

DATE: August 31, 2005

FROM: Michael Dever, Emergency Services Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Dever".

SUBJECT: FEMA Emergency Evacuation Information

The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that federal disaster aid has been made available to the state of Mississippi to help residents and communities recover from the damages and losses incurred from the onslaught of Hurricane Katrina.

A telephone number has been posted for friends/families of residents in the state of Mississippi to call in case they have been contacted for assistance. The phone number is (800) 323-7233. The sole purpose of this phone number is for residents in the devastated area to receive emergency search & rescue assistance.

Affected residents and business owners in the designated Counties can begin the disaster application process by registering online at <http://www.fema.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 24 hours, seven days a week, until further notice.