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**MEMA and National Guard Return to Normal Operations as Water Crisis Eases**

**PEARL** –The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency returned to normal activation as water system problems ease across the state. All Mississippi National Guard personnel and equipment that were serving in Hinds and Claiborne counties have also been demobilized.

“We will continue to keep in close contact and provide resources to cities and counties that are still experiencing water trouble,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “I can’t say enough about the teamwork shown at the city, county and state level during this emergency.”

Womack reminds residents to monitor their community situation closely regarding Department of Health boil water alerts.

The following are updates from state agencies:

**MEMA:** MEMA has supplied 84 pallets of water containing 145,142 individual bottles to affected areas. Monitoring situation and will provide resources as requested.

**MS National Guard:** The Mississippi National Guard delivered over 36,000 gallons of water to the citizens of Jackson and Port Gibson. A 400 gallon water buffalo truck based in Jackson will remain at the Henley Young Youth Detention Center and be picked up Tuesday.

**MS Dept. of Health:** The Mississippi State Department of Health reminds Jackson area residents that they must continue to follow all boil water precautions even as water pressure returns to many areas. The MSDH will alert the public when the advisory is lifted through the media, its website ([www.HealthyMS.com](http://www.HealthyMS.com)), and Twitter. The MSDH will immediately start testing water samples once they are submitted by the City of Jackson Water System. The boil water advisory can be lifted after test results show two consecutive days of clear test samples. The Mississippi State Public Health Laboratory will remain open during the Holiday weekend.

**MS Dept. of Transportation:** MDOT crews began working with Jackson Public Works Tuesday night and will continue to work with the city through the weekend.

**MS Institutions of Higher Learning:** Jackson State University will remain closed until Tuesday, January 19. Students will be able to register and consult with academic advisors from

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8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 at the JSU Student Center. All registration activities will be held in the Third Floor ballroom. For more information visit [www.jsums.edu](http://www.jsums.edu).

**MS Department of Human Services:** The Mississippi Department of Human Services will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 19th. The Hinds County office is open today.

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