

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

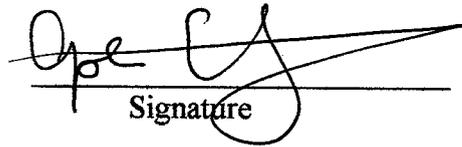
SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT

DATE OF TRIP: December 17, 2002

PERSONS MAKING THE TRIP: John Cartwright, Natural Hazards Planner

SUMMARY: The purpose of this trip was to attend the 2002 Post Hurricane Meeting hosted by NOAA in Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting began with welcome from the Director of Louisiana Emergency Management. Over the next several hours' presentations were made on the 2002 Hurricane season. The presentations mostly focused on New Orleans and southern LA. Mississippi was discussed in relation to the Behavioral Study that was conducted in 2002 and in relation to Isidore and Lili as these storms moved inland.

Todd Adams presented on the MS Tri-State Coastal Counties and what we experienced this past hurricane season. He has asked that the NOAA extend its point of reference from Pascagoula to the MS/AL state line. Apparently NOAA when making landfall predictions for MS will stop at Pascagoula and not the state line. Of special note, Lt. Col. Mark Oxley with the Louisiana State Police spoke eloquently on the relationship between LA and MS and how we continue to work in a positive collaborative effect to shelter in MS. He made the remark that MEMA's first and most important responsibility is the safe guarding of its citizens, just as it would be Louisiana's responsibility to its citizens. I found this remark to be very timely and gave a very positive light on the whole contra-flow issue. The meeting ended early in the afternoon and I returned to Jackson.


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