



October 20, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Executive Officer / Local Floodplain Administrator

FROM: Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM
State NFIP Coordinator

RE: Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative
Jones County Scoping Meeting

The Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative coordination team will conduct its initial 'scoping meeting' with Jones County and the communities of Ellisville, Laurel, Sandersville, and Soso on November 14, 2005 at 1:30 PM. This meeting will take place in the Magnolia Center, 2nd floor. The building is located on the fairgrounds in Laurel.

The purpose of this scoping meeting is to solicit input from Jones County and the incorporated communities regarding their study needs and ensure that the new maps will adequately address these needs by providing more accurate flood hazard information. The Scoping Team will include representatives from MDEQ, as well as MGI, the state's contractor for this project.

During the visit, our Team will be seeking input from county and municipal officials on issues such as:

- How accurate is the information on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) currently used by the communities?
- Are there areas of the community that routinely flood, but are not depicted as flood zones on the current FIRMs?

