

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency P.O. Box 4501 Jackson, MS 39296



Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 20305 Jackson, MS 39289

April 29, 2004

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Executive Officer / Local Floodplain Administrator

**FROM:** Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM

State NFIP / Dam Safety Coordinator

**RE:** Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative

Re-mapping of the Floodplains within Our Communities

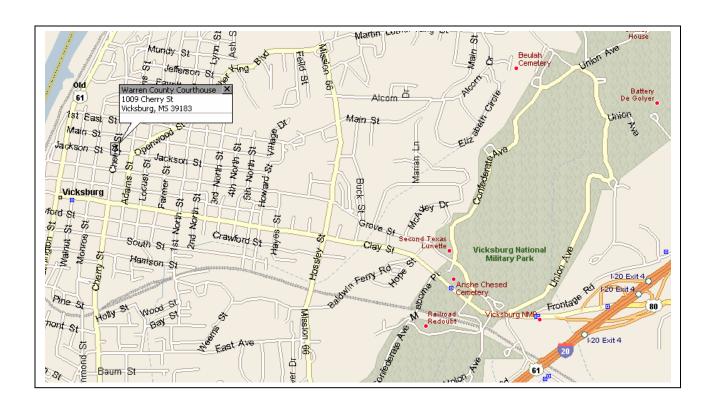
The Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative coordination team will conduct a 'kick-off' meeting with Warren County and the city of Vicksburg on May 4, 2004 at 10:00 AM. We are referring to this initial coordination briefing as 'Meet and Greet' Team Building event.

This will be a countywide re-mapping effort for Warren County. The county and the city are cordially invited to the briefing. The meeting will be held on the following date / time and at the following location:

Date	Time	Location
May 4	10:00 AM	Warren County Courthouse Board Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor 1009 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, 39181

I am requesting the assistance of the Warren County community Floodplain Administrators in inviting each appropriate Board Supervisor, Mayor, Alderman, Community Engineer, Community Administrator, Community Planner, GIS staff, and any other appropriate person(s) to their respective meeting. This is not a public meeting; we are not at that stage as of yet. This is simply the first in a series of meetings that will result in new flood maps for your community.

We propose a one-hour session, which will inform the local officials of the method in which the state of Mississippi is conducting the new flood map modernization program, in partnership with the local stakeholder communities. We wish to make personal contact with the community officials in order to build goodwill and a team attitude. We do not intend to create the impression that any map will be forced on a community. The maps will be constructed with the <u>full input</u> of each concerned community. This is our great opportunity to improve our existing flood maps and create initial maps for some communities, let's make a best effort to improve these flood risk identification tools for our citizens. After this 'Meet and Greet,' the state's mapping contractors can then begin their initial contacts with all communities in order to gather all available technical data.



May 4<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM County Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room 1009 Cherry Street Vicksburg, MS 39181