



Mississippi Tornadoes and Flooding  
May 2011  
ESF 11 After Action Report (AAR)



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### **Incident Summary**

ESF11 was activated by FEMA R4 on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to staff the MS JFO in response to the severe weather, tornadoes and potential floods affecting the state of MS. Though there were no requests for assistance from our ESF11 partner state agencies a desk officer from AL was sent to the MS IOF, soon to transition to JFO. Upon arrival he set up a meeting with the FCO and AL FSA SD in which the FCO expressed his needs and concerns. At the conclusion of this meeting the FCO released ESF11 from staffing the desk at the soon to be established JFO relying instead on the FSA SD to respond to his questions.

### **Lessons Learned**

**Successful** – R4 ESF11 Coordinator received the MA and was able to provide initial staffing as requested and was prepared to provide staffing through the weekend and beyond if needed. Feedback from MS cadre of desk officers/supervisors was good and timely. All activated APHIS personnel received timely ROSS deployment notification.

**Needs Improvement** – Initial MA was incomplete (not initialed or FMIS stamped) and took two attempts by FEMA at MS JFO to supply completed form. ESF11 R4 Coordinator received conflicting requests from R4 RRCC and MS JFO and this added confusion.