

## There will be no mandatory buyouts at the federal level.

Rep. Gene Taylor issued a statement today that the federal government would not be buying out property in response to the proposed Army Corps of Engineers program.

"There will be no mandatory buyouts at the federal level. As you may be aware, the State of Mississippi has previously been given federal funding for Katrina-related recovery efforts. What the state chooses to do with funds already given to it is a decision for state officials. However, I assure you that there will be no federal funds for mandatory buyouts."