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Madison County Board of Supervisors
125 West North Street
P.O. Box 608
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Dear Gentlemen,

On 15 October 2014, the 47th Civil Support Team, Mississippi National Guard, conducted a disaster preparedness exercise at the old Canton Hospital which was coordinated through the diligent efforts of Emergency Management Director Butch Hammack. This exercise was conducted under realistic conditions to provide an opportunity to test the response measures and validate the effectiveness of the 47th CST. Exercises are conducted prior to real events so results can be examined in depth to determine what changes, if any, need to occur.

The 47th Civil Support Team's mission during an emergency is to support civil authorities at a domestic incident site during specified events, which may include the use or the threatened use of a weapons of mass destruction; a terrorist attack or a threatened terrorist attack; the intentional or unintentional release of nuclear, biological, radiological, or toxic or poisonous chemicals; natural or manmade disasters that result, or could result, in the catastrophic loss of life or property. The 47th CST supports civil authorities by identifying hazards, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for additional support.

It is with great gratitude that the Team was able to utilize such a great facility to conduct such a valuable training event. It is through the willingness of you and your concerned staff that the 47th Civil Support Team remains ready to respond to all types of disasters that could affect the citizens of the State of Mississippi.

If at any time, I can be of service to you or your organization do not hesitate to call or email. My direct line is (601) 313-6313 or email at lee.w.smithson.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee W. Smithson".

Lee W. Smithson
Colonel, Mississippi National Guard
Director of Military Support