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MDEQ Awards Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Coahoma County

(Jackson, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded Coahoma County a solid waste assistance grant of \$46,800 that will be used by the county for the Coahoma County and City of Clarksdale recycling program.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

Information about this grant program and other initiatives is available at <u>www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste</u>.

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