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## MONTHLY REPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS

MONTH: **JUNE** YEAR : **2002**

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### **...Extended Dry Spell Broken in June...**

The extended dry spell over southeast Louisiana and south Mississippi has come to an end. Preliminary rainfall reports for the month of June indicate widespread monthly rain amounts near the normal 5 to 6 inches over the southeast Louisiana and Coastal Mississippi. Isolated areas in the lower Atchafalaya Basin report rain in excess of 10 inches. Napoleonville, in Assumption Parish reported 13 inches of rain. In general, the area along and just west of Bayou LaFourche recorded 6 to 10 inches of June rain. Most reporting stations in the HSA recorded some rainfall during 12 to 14 days in June with daily amounts of .25 to .50 inches in scattered thunderstorms during the last week of the month. Although intense at times, rainfall was generally short-lived with no individual day recording outstanding major rainfall amounts.

Major rivers in the area, The Mississippi, Atchafalaya, Lower Pearl, and the Pascagoula basin streams, reached their spring rise peak early in the month and fell steadily to normal flow by month's end. Other streams fluctuated throughout the month in response to generally light, summer-like afternoon thunderstorms with no flooding occurring.