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State Officials Monitoring Tropical Development in the Gulf of Mexico *Governor Encourages Citizens to Get A Game Plan*

BATON ROUGE — Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards took part in briefings with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the National Weather Service (NWS) as they closely monitor the area of low pressure, Invest 93L, in the Gulf of Mexico. Participating in the call were state agencies, parish officials and first responders.

"Statewide coordination with our local and federal partners is underway. Now is the time to prepare for heavy rain and potentially severe weather across South Louisiana," said Gov. Edwards. "We learned from last year's floods that even unnamed storms can be devastating, so it is critically important for everyone in South Louisiana to get a game plan before this storm system arrives. My office, along with GOHSEP, will provide regular updates as we receive them."

Daily GOHSEP briefings are underway with all state agencies and parishes concerning the potential tropical weather. GOHSEP has also developed a tool kit to help all citizens prepare for an emergency weather event. Citizens should visit getagameplan.org and download the new Get A Game Plan app on their smartphones.

"GOHSEP along with the National Weather Service encourage everyone to avoid focusing on the size of this storm as it moves across the gulf," said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. "This system may not be large, but heavy rainfall and coastal flooding are almost a certainty. Flash flooding could be a problem with the National Weather Service indicating 10"-15" inches of rain possible in some areas. Use this time to prepare. Listen to information from your local leaders. Monitor your local media. Go to getagameplan.org for critical information to protect you, your family and your business. Finalize your emergency plans and check emergency supply kits now."

Here's how you can "Get A Game Plan":

- Visit GOHSEP's www.GetAGamePlan.org.
- Follow @GOHSEP on Twitter.

- Visit www.511la.org for road updates.
- Keep your cellphones charged.
- Monitor your local news.

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