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GOHSEP Continues Operations in Response to Tropical Storm Cindy

BATON ROUGE (June 21, 2017) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) continues 24/7 operations in the state emergency operations center as the threat of Tropical Storm Cindy continues. Cindy is expected to make landfall near the Louisiana/Texas border early Thursday morning. There have been isolated tornado warnings issued in Louisiana by the National Weather Service (NWS) and several bands of rain have impacted the state. The potential for more rain and severe weather still exists.

GOHSEP has answered requests from five parishes, supplying them nearly 170 thousand sandbags. GOHSEP has also supplied first responders with 4,100 bottles of water.

Governor John Bel Edwards has declared a state of emergency. Governor Edwards hosted a Unified Command Group meeting at GOHSEP in order to receive updates from state agencies and to continue coordinating the state's response. Daily conference calls with GOHSEP and parish emergency managers will also continue while the threat remains active.

"We are asking the public to remain vigilant while this the threat from Tropical Storm Cindy continues," said GOHSEP Director James Waskom. "We have been fortunate that the impact has been somewhat minor through Wednesday evening, but that does not mean we can let our guard down. We could still see flashing flooding or severe weather, including areas away from the coast. Continue to monitor your forecast for

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weather alerts, keep your phones charged and if you must travel, check your route with DOTD's www.511la.org website.

Here is information on Tropical Storm Cindy from the National Weather Service:

NWS Lake Charles:

We are still expecting 3 to 5 inches of rain, with the possibility of 10 inches if a slow moving rain band moves across your area. For people along and south of the I-10 corridor, this rain could easily cause flooding of streets due to the poor drainage conditions with the tides running so high.

For the tides, the danger is increasing for communities near the coast. Tides are running about 1.5 feet above normal right now, and that could go as high as 3 feet above normal during the high tide late tonight. Vulnerable locations to this above normal tide include Sabine Pass and sections of Highway 87, low areas near Bridge City, Highway 82 west and east of Holly Beach, downtown Cameron, Pecan Island, Intracoastal City, Delcambre, Cypremort Point, and Burns Point.

Wind-wise, tropical storm force wind gusts will started this morning in south central Louisiana, and move into southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas this afternoon. Central Louisiana and east Texas will likely see stronger winds tonight. The entire region should see winds subsiding by midday Thursday. Due to the wind gusts, expect to see scattered power outages and a few trees down.

There is a small tornado threat for southwest, central, and south central Louisiana today and during the day Thursday.

NWS New Orleans:

The Tropical Storm Warning has been dropped for all areas east of the mouth of the Mississippi River. This includes areas around Lake Pontchartrain.

The primary threat continues to be the potential for heavy rainfall and flash flooding, and there is also a threat of isolated tornadoes, especially in the form of waterspouts coming ashore.

NWS Shreveport:

At this time, it appears that the greatest impact across our area will be flood producing rainfall and this will depend greatly on where the remnants of Cindy move into our area. Given this uncertainty, a Flash Flood Watch has been issued for the southern half

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of northeast Texas as well as all of northern Louisiana with the watch beginning at 7 pm Wednesday Evening and continuing through 7 am Friday morning.

Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for any type emergency. You download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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