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Stay Weather Aware due to Severe Thunderstorm Threat Beginning Thursday

BATON ROUGE (March 17, 2022) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is closely monitoring the threat for severe thunderstorms beginning Thursday evening and continuing Friday. According to the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center (SPC), the threats are expected late this afternoon into this evening for parts of Oklahoma and Texas. The threat begins tonight in parts of Louisiana and Mississippi. Large hail, damaging winds and a few tornadoes are possible.

GOHSEP Director Casey Tingle said, "We have recently seen a pattern of severe weather threats across the state. These types of threats are common for this time of year. There is already another potential threat on the forecast for next week. While we all hope there will not be damage related to these storms, they do highlight the need to maintain awareness about conditions in your area. Monitor the local media. Look for watches and warnings from the National Weather Service. Download the ALERT FM App for emergency text notifications. Go to www.GetAGamePlan.org to finalize your emergency plans."

Here are the latest updates from the National Weather Service (NWS) offices in Louisiana:

NWS Shreveport:

Timing and Overview:

The threat for severe thunderstorms, large hail, damaging winds and a few tornadoes will begin tonight for northwest Louisiana.

NWS Lake Charles:

Timing and Overview:

Scattered to locally numerous thunderstorms should develop tonight across much of the lower Mississippi Valley/Delta region. This will include a threat for a few tornadoes, as well as sporadic damaging wind and severe hail.

NWS New Orleans/Baton Rouge:

Timing and Overview:

The SPC has issued a Slight Risk of severe weather from the Oklahoma City and Dallas metro areas to New Orleans. Severe weather hazards such as damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes are all possible. There is also a Marginal Risk of flash flooding in southern Mississippi and eastern Louisiana.

Visit www.511la.org for road updates if you must travel during potentially dangerous weather conditions. Keep your phones and devices charged and near you while the threat continues in order to receive potential emergency messaging.

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