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Galveston District prepares for Gustav

The Galveston District Corps of Engineers established emergency operations today in preparation for possible impact from Tropical Storm Gustav as it forms in the Gulf of Mexico. The path could potentially affect the northern half of the Galveston District, which includes the entire Texas coastline as well as a portion of Louisiana.

“The District has activated its Emergency Operations Center, and we will monitor Gustav from there,” said Colonel David C. Weston, Galveston District commander. “We will take whatever steps are necessary to protect our people and resources and to work with local, state, and Federal agencies to provide a rapid response.”

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane in the Galveston District, the priorities will be threefold: supporting efforts to safeguard lives and property; sustaining lives through immediate relief in the form of shelter and water; and setting conditions for recovery, including cleanup, restoring infrastructure, and navigation.

Under the National Response Framework, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides support to the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency by executing assigned missions such as providing water, power, debris removal, temporary housing, temporary roofing, and logistical support.

“The Galveston District stands ready to assist local communities and the Nation, while ensuring that we accomplish our Emergency Management, Navigation, Flood Risk Management and other missions,” Weston added.

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