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Galveston District prepares for Hurricane Dolly

The Galveston District Corps of Engineers began executing its hurricane preparations mission as Tropical Storm Dolly formed in the Gulf. The anticipated path of what is now Hurricane Dolly may impact facilities at Brazos River Floodgates, Colorado River Locks, and the Southern Area Office (Corpus Christi and Brownsville Resident Offices). The District established emergency operations on July 21.

The priorities for the District are threefold, according to Colonel David C. Weston, Galveston District commander. "Our priorities are supporting efforts to safeguard lives and property; sustaining lives through immediate relief in the form of shelter and water; and setting conditions for recovery," he said. "These conditions include such actions as cleanup, restoring infrastructure, and navigation.

Under the National Response Plan, 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 is also responsible for maintaining navigation in its area, which includes the entire Texas coastline as well as a portion of the Louisiana coastline, and has completed a plan to assess damages after the storm, according to Weston. "Survey assets will move to Corpus Christi on Thursday and begin assessing damages on Friday morning," he said. "We hope to complete a full assessment of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Brownsville Ship Channel, and the southern portion of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Port Isabel to Corpus Christi by late Saturday, with other assessments possible depending on the path of the storm and the flooding.

"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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