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## Galveston District Corps of Engineers plans to return Emergency Operations to Galveston Island on Tuesday

The Galveston District Army Corps of Engineers plans to return its Emergency Operations Center to Galveston Island on Tuesday, Sept. 30, according to District officials. The District was evacuated due to Hurricane Ike on Sept. 11, 2008, and has been maintaining an alternate Emergency Operations Center (AEOC) at its Addicks Field Office on the west side of Houston since that time.

“We are looking forward to returning to our facilities on the island, and hope to bring our entire workforce together again in the very near future,” said Colonel David C. Weston, Galveston District commander. “We’re working diligently to ensure that our building has the necessary power, water, and other utilities to operate effectively and safely. We are anxious to return full capability to our mission of support to the people and industries of the Texas Gulf Coast region. Our goal is to have full operational capability by the end of next week.”

The District transferred its lead district responsibility to respond to the hurricane to the Fort Worth District on Sept. 11, to insure an effective response, in support of FEMA, to the impacted counties of Texas. After the hurricane passed, it continued its emergency navigation mission out of the AEOC. From the AEOC, a cadre of Corps operations division personnel has worked with the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and industry to survey the waterways in the impacted areas and return them to open status.

Some District employees are also working out of the Joint Program Management Office in San Antonio and the Sims Bayou Project Office in Houston.

“Galveston has been our home since the District Office was established there in 1880, and we will return home shortly,” Weston said.