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Galveston District Corps of Engineers prepares for Ike

The Galveston District Army Corps of Engineers established emergency operations today in preparation for possible impact from Hurricane Ike as the storm gets set to enter the Gulf of Mexico. The projected path could potentially affect a wide swath of the Galveston District, which includes the entire Texas coastline as well as a portion of Louisiana.

“We have activated our Emergency Operations Center, and will continue to monitor Ike” said Lieutenant Colonel Edward P. Feigenbaum, Galveston District deputy commander. “We will do what is 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 hurricane in the Galveston District, the priorities are 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.

A critical hurricane-related action involves the District’s navigation mission.

“The District is responsible for ensuring that waterways are open for navigation,” said Feigenbaum. “We ready our survey boats and other assets before the storm to make sure that we can survey ship channels and other waterways as soon as it is safe to do so after a storm hits.

“These efforts, along with the support to FEMA, reflect our dedication to serving the interests of the local communities and our Nation.”

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