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City of New Orleans Monitoring Low Pressure Disturbance, Preparing for Rain NEW ORLEANS—<br />

The City of New Orleans continues to monitor a disturbance over the Southeastern U.S. which will move south toward the Gulf of Mexico later this week and has the potential to develop into a tropical cyclone. While it is too soon to forecast local impacts to the New Orleans area, the City of New Orleans encourages residents to review hurricane plans and prepare for rain, which is likely regardless of tropical development.

&quo;We are closely monitoring this system and are preparing should it pose a threat to New Orleans,&quo; said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. &ldquo;This is a reminder to residents that we are in hurricane season. Whether or not this system impacts us, now is the time to pay attention and review your hurricane plans.&rdquo;

Monitoring low pressure disturbance A trough of low pressure located over central Georgia is forecast to move southward toward the northeastern Gulf of Mexico, where a broad area of low pressure is expected to form later this week. The National Hurricane Center states that a tropical depression is likely to form by the end of the week. It is too soon to determine specific impacts on the local area, according to the National Weather Service’s New Orleans Office. However, regardless of development, rain is expected in New Orleans late this week and into the weekend. Forecast rainfall amounts will be refined as the situation becomes clearer. City prepares for rain

The New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is monitoring and preparing for potential impacts from this system. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is prepared for potentially heavy rainfall later this week. We are monitoring the system 24/7 and stand ready to respond as needed.