As of: 1530 Hours

STATE EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL: Level 3 CAT Team

1. TROPICAL WEATHER UPDATE:

As of 1500 hours 6 September 2011, the NWS/NHC is reporting on the tropical features listed below. None of these systems pose a threat to Louisiana at this time.

Hurricane Katia:
At 100 CDT the center of Hurricane Katia was located near Latitude 26.5 north and longitude 65.1 west. Katia is moving toward the northwest near 10 mph. Maximum sustained winds are near 125 mph with higher gusts. Katia is a Category three hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane wind scale. Some strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 155 miles.

Cloudiness and showers associated with a nearly stationary area of low pressure have increased in the southern Gulf of Mexico. This system has a low chance, 30 percent of becoming a tropical cyclone during the next 48 hours.

Invest 95, a broad area of low pressure associated with low is centered southwest of the Cape Verde Islands near 19N32W moving west at 10-15 mph. Shear activity and clouds associated with this system are expected to persist through the next 5 days.