As of: 0930 Hours

STATE EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL: Level 4 (Normal operations)

1. TROPICAL WEATHER UPDATE:

As of 0800 hours 4 Nov 2011, the NWS/NHC is reporting no Tropical Cyclone formation expected during the next 48 hours.

More information can be accessed from The National Hurricane Center:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/

2. STATE WIDE EVENTS:

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TEST:

As part of a larger effort to strengthen the nation’s preparedness and resiliency, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct the first nation-wide test of the Emergency Alert System on November 9th, at 1 P.M. Central Time. Testing the Emergency Alert System plays a key role in evaluating and improving the systems needed in place to ensure our nation is prepared for all hazards and that people within its borders are able to receive critical and vital information through the system.

STATEWIDE PARISH BURN BANS / DROUGHT 2011:

Cezzae and Desist on Outdoor Burning:

Due to the extremely dry conditions in certain Parishes within the state, State Fire Marshal, H. Butch Browning and, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner, Mike Strain have issued a cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to authority under R.S. 40:1563. Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government.