GOHSEP SPECIAL EVENTS SITREP
AS OF 2200 HOURS 3 August 2012
ACTIVATION LEVEL: CAT (CRISIS ACTION TEAM)
041-12 Tropical Storm Ernesto 3 August 2012

As of 2200 hours 3 August 2012, the NWS/NHC is reporting on three systems in the Atlantic-Caribbean-Gulf of Mexico basin. These systems are Tropical Depression 5, Invest 91 and Tropical Storm Ernesto.

The link below provides graphics showing the current location of these systems. 

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

The Crisis Action Team was activated at 0730 hours 3 August and will remain activated until further notice. The Crisis Action Team along with key GOHSEP leaders will monitor the situation and be prepared to respond as needed. There are no planned State EOC activations or conference calls over the weekend.

Tropical Storm Ernesto:

Per NWS Slidell, there is high certainty in the track shown through Tuesday. After that, the future track will depend on how strong Ernesto becomes as it travels through the Caribbean and whether it will be influenced by a high pressure ridge that is expected to develop to the northwest of Louisiana which could steer the storm more to the north. Most models show it crossing over the Yucatan and staying in the southern Gulf of Mexico/Bay of Campeche. The time line based on current data has H-120 probably beginning on Monday afternoon if this system were to take a more northerly route toward Louisiana.

The link below shows the latest track projection for Ernesto.

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at5+shtml/144731.shtml?5-daynl#contents

Invest 91:

Invest 91 is the largest, most disorganized of the systems off the west coast of Florida. While the