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Gov. Jindal Urges Louisianians to Get Prepared for Tropical
Storm Isaac, Encourages Voluntary Evacuations in Hurricane

Following a meeting of the Unified Command Group at the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Governor Bobby Jindal and Louisianians urge to get prepared for Tropical Storm Isaac and encourage voluntary evacuations for people in parishes in the hurricane watch zone that are in low lying areas, areas South of the Intracoastal Waterway and areas outside of levee protection.

Governor Jindal said, “Tropical Storm Isaac continues to track westward and a hurricane watch is in effect for 15 Louisiana parishes. This includes the New Orleans metro area and the parishes adjacent to Lake Pontchartrain. The National Weather Service expects the storm to continue to move westward and eventually make landfall on the Louisiana Gulf Coast.”

Gov. Jindal urged Louisianians to get prepared for Tropical Storm Isaac and encouraged voluntary evacuations for people in the hurricane watch zone that are in low lying areas, areas South of the Intracoastal Waterway and areas outside of levee protection.

“Tropical Storm Isaac is currently located in the Gulf of Mexico about 390 miles southeast of southern Louisiana. Isaac is moving west-northwest at 6 miles per hour. The storm is forecast to continue to move westward and eventually make landfall on the Louisiana Gulf Coast.”

Gov. Jindal also stated, “Our first priority is to protect the lives of Louisianians. We urge everyone in the hurricane watch zone to get prepared and to make the decision to evacuate if they feel it is necessary. We are working with federal and local authorities to ensure that evacuees have access to the resources they need.”

Louisiana residents are encouraged to monitor local media for the latest updates and to stay informed about the storm's progress.

Please visit http://www.louisiana.gov for more information on Tropical Storm Isaac.