Isaac Update Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Wednesday, August 29, 2012 (4:00 a.m. EDT) <br />
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Current Situation (NOAA Update, 2:15 am EDT, August 29, 2012) <br />
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Mississippi River: <br />
· St. Charles Parish water works reports that portions of the Mississippi River rose 8 to 10 feet since yesterday morning, August 28. The flood stage at New Orleans is 20 feet. The primary flood threat is in the coastal basins of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. Minor and moderate flooding is possible across the southern half of Mississippi, within the north shore in southeast Louisiana, inland Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. <br />
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Tropical Warnings <br />
· Hurricane Warnings: East of Morgan City, Louisiana to the Mississippi-Alabama border including metropolitan New Orleans, Lake Pontchartrain, and Lake Maurepas<br />
· Hurricane Watches: Intracoastal City, Louisiana to Morgan City, Louisiana<br />
· Tropical Storm Warnings: From the Mississippi-Alabama border to Destin, Florida; and Morgan City, Louisiana to Sabine Pass, Texas <br />
· Tropical Storm Watch: East of High Island Texas to just west of Sabine Pass, Texas.<br />
· Tornado Watch: For portions of southwest Alabama, western Florida panhandle, southeast Louisiana, southern Mississippi, and the coastal waters until 8:00 am EDT.<br />
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Hurricane Isaac made initial landfall as a Category 1 Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale when it passed over the Mississippi River Delta in Louisiana around 7:45 p.m. EDT Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Hurricane Isaac has since moved back over water and as of 12:00 a.m. August 29, 2012 EDT. Hurricane Isaac was located about 70 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana with maximum sustained winds remaining near 80 mph, with higher gusts. Hurricane Isaac is nearly stationary but a slow northwestward motion is expected later this morning. On the forecast track, the center of Hurricane Isaac will move very near the southeastern coast of Louisiana this morning, and 