Governor Jindal Holds Unified Command Group Meeting, Updates on Storm Response

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**BATON ROUGE** – Governor Bobby Jindal held a Unified Command Group meeting and a press conference today to provide an update on the state’s response to Hurricane Isaac. The Governor is traveling to Plaquemines Parish today to meet with local officials and get a firsthand look at the search and rescue operations.

For the Unified Command Group Meeting and the press conference, Governor Jindal was joined by FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate and General John Peabody, the Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Governor Jindal said, “This is a very slow moving storm which means there will be sustained periods of heavy wind and heavy rain. The storm was almost stationary overnight and the eye of the storm is drifting towards the west-northwest. South Louisiana will continue to be affected by this storm throughout much of the day. The storm made two landfalls in Plaquemines Parish and Terrebonne Parish.

“The National Weather Service is already showing 5 to 7 inches of rain – and more in some cases – across a large portion of the south shore already with reports of street flooding. We will likely see 12-16 inches of rain in South Louisiana. Tides are going to remain elevated through tonight and will start to gradually fall tomorrow.”

“South Louisiana will have high winds for most of the day, with winds gradually decreasing from east to west starting late this evening. We will see tropical storm force winds for 24-36 hours”