STATE EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL: 4 Normal Operations

SITUATION: An cold air mass will move south into the area Wednesday night with temperatures in the middle 20’s with possible wind chills reaching lower in some areas. There is a possibility of hard freeze warnings and wind chill advisories in some areas. Residents and persons with interests in the area should monitor the latest forecasts concerning the upcoming weather. The temperatures will begin to rise again on Thursday with rain chances increasing.

FORECAST for LOUISIANA:
Southwest/Central Louisiana: A light freeze is expected tonight along and north of the I-10 corridor. Isolated places in central Louisiana could see a hard freeze for a brief period of time late tonight. Small rain chances come into the forecast by Friday as high pressure shifts to our east, with several weak upper level disturbances passing through the region. Saturday also looks to be wet at time, likely not a total rainout for any given location. By Sunday a cold front will sweep across the area most likely in the morning hours, so rain chances remain in the forecast with little temperature change.

Southeast Louisiana: A reinforcing cold front will move through the area this afternoon and this evening ushering in very cold and dry air. Temperatures will plummet into the mid 20s across areas along and north of the I-10/12 corridor tonight and into the upper 20s and lower 30s across the river parishes and parts of the south shore away from the coast and any urban heat effects. 5 to 8 hours of freezing conditions are expected with 3 to 4 hours of hard freeze conditions. Cold high...