SITUATION: An arctic cold front will move through the area Wednesday night with the possibility of a wintery mix across most of Louisiana. This system should move out of the area by Thursday afternoon bringing slightly warmer temperatures back into the state for the weekend.

FORECAST for LOUISIANA:

Southeast Louisiana: A strong arctic front will bring cold air back to the area for the end of the work week. There is a very low risk of light freezing rain developing Thursday morning across portions of southeast Louisiana to the north of Baton Rouge. If freezing rain develops, little if any ice accumulation is expected and impacts should be minimal.

Southwest / Central Louisiana: A few showers and even an isolated thunderstorm is anticipated to develop this evening as a cold front approaches from the north. A wintery mix of light rain, sleet and periods of light freezing rain are possible in northern portions of central Louisiana, however total ice accumulations will be less than 0.05 inches. Temperatures are expected to fall into the 20’s late Thursday night into Friday morning, mainly north of the I-10 corridor and while the interstates and major highways will likely be dry during this time, some rural roads with little traffic could have some wet spots that could freeze in these temperatures. There will also likely be a hard freeze from north to south after the sun sets Thursday night into Friday morning. 