STATE EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL: 4 Normal Operations

WebEOC Incident: 15-013 Severe Weather, Statewide - April 22-29, 2015

SITUATION: A strong line of thunderstorms is moving through our area this morning and will continue into tomorrow. The threat of severe weather will occur across most of Louisiana with damaging winds, large hail, heavy rainfall, and tornadoes possible. Please stay tuned to your local National Weather Service for any watches or warnings issued for your area.

FORECAST for LOUISIANA

Southeast Louisiana: There is an enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms today and tonight for southeast Louisiana. These storms will be capable of producing torrential rainfall within a short period of time. Amounts of 2 – 3 inches with localized amounts up to 5 inches may be produced. A Flash Flood Watch has been issued for all areas through 7:00 am Tuesday morning for this potential. Other main hazards associated with this incoming thunderstorm system include damaging winds, large hail, continuous lightening and isolated tornadoes.

A Tornado Watch has been issued for 14 parishes in southeast Louisiana until 1:00 pm this afternoon.

Southwest / Central Louisiana: A line of strong to severe thunderstorms is forecast to continue progressing eastward through the region this morning. Damaging winds, large hail, and tornadoes will be possible during these thunderstorms. In addition to the risk of severe weather, heavy rainfall is also possible. A Flash Flood Watch has been issued for this region.

North Louisiana: Showers and thunderstorms will continue to develop and spread across the area. Some of these storms will be capable of producing severe storms until the system moves east of the area early Wednesday morning.