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**MOHSEP INFORMATION BULLETIN
11-09-03-17:00-04**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Parish Administrative Agency Heads
Parish Agency Points of Contact
Parish Outside Agency Points of Contact
Elected Officials
Parish Public School Officials
Parish Parochial School Officials

FROM: Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

SUBJECT: Tropical Storm Lee Update

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*****East Baton Rouge Parish is currently under a Tropical Storm Warning*****

***** East Baton Rouge is currently under a Tornado Watch until 10 PM*****

Tropical Storm Lee is currently located 60 miles Southwest of Morgan City, Louisiana moving North at 4 MPH. Rainfall will be widespread across South Louisiana as the system slowly moves ashore over the next couple of days. Currently, forecasts for our area indicate that we could see anywhere between 5 and 6" inches of rain over the next 4 days. Wind speeds will be tropical storm strength (39-74 MPH). Mayor Melvin L. "Kip" Holden is urging residents to stay off of the roadways as much as possible. Forecasters are predicting that this weather pattern will continue throughout the day and may deteriorate. The center of the system is expected to be over the Baton Rouge Metro area in approximately 24 hours. The threats from the storm remain high winds, heavy rainfall, flooding, and possible tornados. Current conditions at the ATM/EOC are cloudy with sporadic rainstorms. The Department of Public Works is reporting that no roads are closed in the parish.

II. WEATHER CONDITION UPDATE – NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

BULLETIN
TROPICAL STORM LEE ADVISORY NUMBER 9
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL132011
400 PM CDT SAT SEP 03 2011

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...SOGGY LEE LUMBERING NORTHWARD TOWARD SOUTHERN LOUISIANA...
TROPICAL STORM WARNING EXTENDED EASTWARD...

SUMMARY OF 400 PM CDT...2100 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...29.4N 92.1W
ABOUT 60 MI...95 KM WSW OF MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA
ABOUT 55 MI...90 KM S OF LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...60 MPH...95 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...N OR 360 DEGREES AT 4 MPH...6 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...989 MB...29.21 INCHES

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

THE TROPICAL STORM WATCH HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A TROPICAL STORM
WARNING FROM THE ALABAMA/FLORIDA BORDER EASTWARD TO DESTIN FLORIDA.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
* DESTIN FLORIDA WESTWARD TO SABINE PASS TEXAS...INCLUDING
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS...LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN...AND LAKE MAUREPAS

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE
INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY
YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE.

DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

AT 400 PM CDT...2100 UTC...THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM LEE WAS
LOCATED BY SATELLITE AND OIL PLATFORM OBSERVATIONS NEAR LATITUDE
29.4 NORTH...LONGITUDE 92.1 WEST. LEE IS DRIFTING ERRATICALLY
TOWARD THE NORTH NEAR 4 MPH...6 KM/H. A SLOW AND POSSIBLY ERRATIC
MOTION TOWARD THE NORTH OR NORTH-NORTHWEST IS EXPECTED DURING THE
NEXT 24 HOURS...FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHEAST. ON THE
FORECAST TRACK...THE CENTER OF LEE IS EXPECTED TO CROSS THE
LOUISIANA COAST LATER THIS AFTERNOON OR EVENING...THEN MOVE SLOWLY
ACROSS SOUTHERN LOUISIANA ON SUNDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS REMAIN NEAR 60 MPH...95 KM/H...WITH HIGHER
GUSTS. SOME FLUCTUATIONS IN STRENGTH ARE POSSIBLE THIS AFTERNOON
AND TONIGHT...WITH GRADUAL WEAKENING FORECAST TO OCCUR BY SUNDAY
AFTERNOON.

TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 230 MILES...370 KM
FROM THE CENTER. AN OFFSHORE OIL RIG SOUTH OF SABINE PASS RECENTLY
REPORTED A SUSTAINED WIND OF 50 MPH...81 KM/H AND A GUST TO 60
MPH...90 KM/H AT AN ELEVATION OF 230 FEET ABOVE THE SURFACE.

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REPORTS FROM OFFSHORE OIL RIGS AND LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY COASTAL OBSERVING SITES INDICATE THE MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 989 MB...29.21 INCHES.

HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

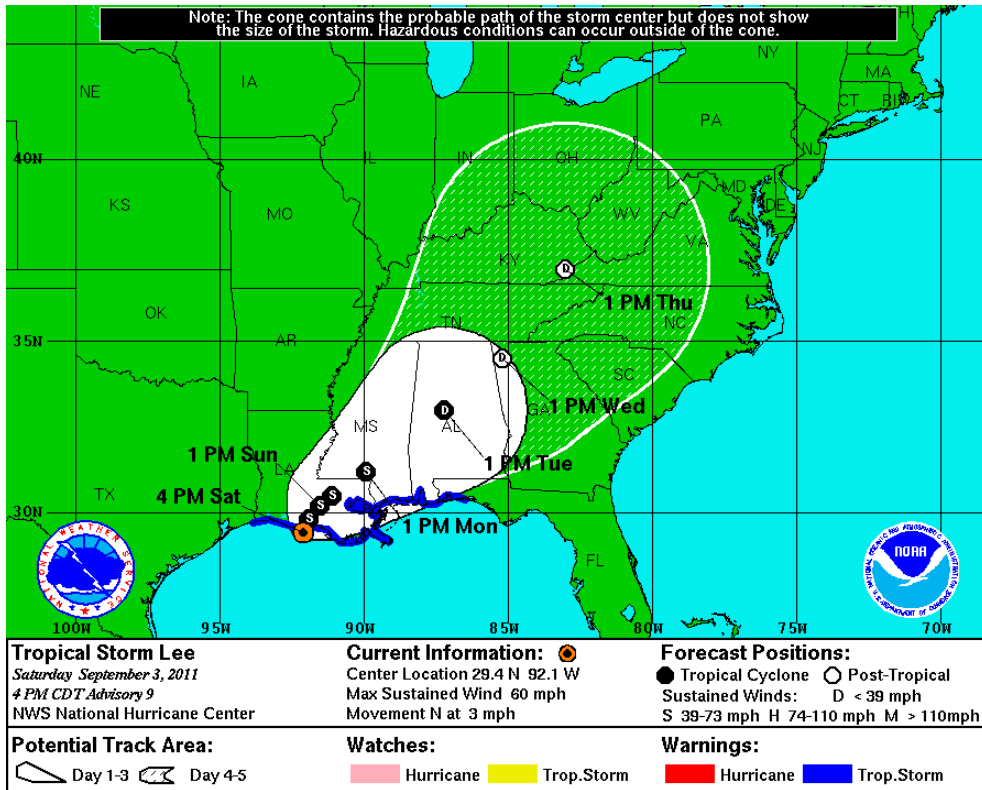
RAINFALL...TROPICAL STORM LEE IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE TOTAL RAIN ACCUMULATIONS OF 10 TO 15 INCHES FROM THE CENTRAL GULF COAST NORTHWARD INTO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY...WITH POSSIBLE ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF 20 INCHES THROUGH SUNDAY. THESE RAINS ARE EXPECTED TO CAUSE EXTENSIVE FLOODING AND FLASH FLOODING.

STORM SURGE...A STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 3 TO 5 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE LOUISIANA COAST...AND BY AS MUCH AS 1 TO 3 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA COASTS INCLUDING MOBILE BAY. SEE PRODUCTS ISSUED BY LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICES FOR MORE DETAILS.

WIND...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE OVER PORTIONS OF THE WARNING AREA TONIGHT INTO SUNDAY...AND POSSIBLY INTO MONDAY.

TORNADOES...A FEW TORNADOES WILL BE POSSIBLE THROUGH TONIGHT OVER PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN LOUISIANA...SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI...SOUTHERN ALABAMA...AND THE FAR WESTERN FLORIDA PANHANDLE.

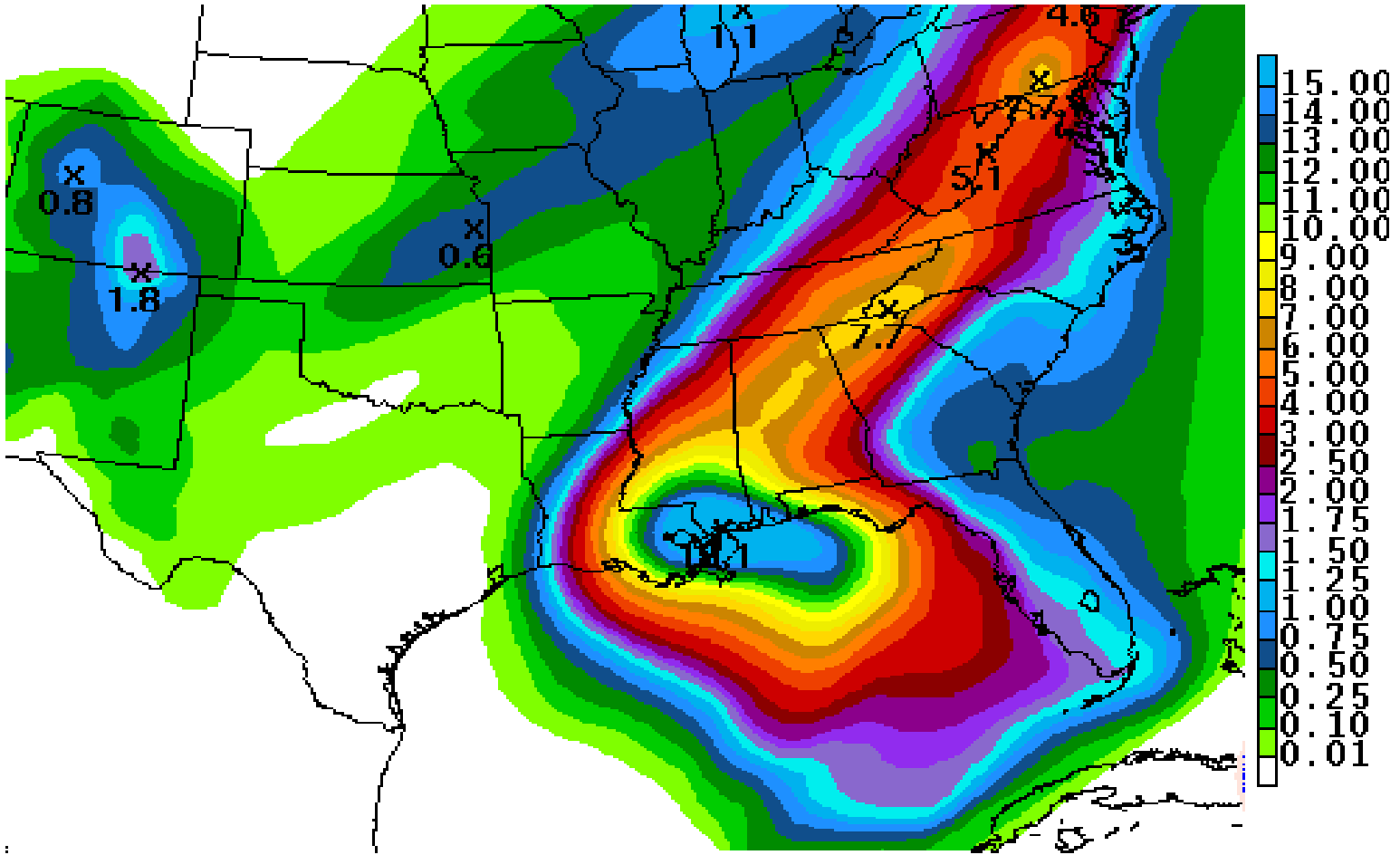
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Rainfall Forecast Through Wednesday Morning



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IV. CITY - PARISH OPERATIONS

MOHSEP Status

- MOHSEP continues to monitor Tropical Storm Lee and provide resources parish-wide.
- MOHSEP staff is participating in conference calls with GOHSEP and the National Weather Service.
- Coordinating with responding agencies throughout the Parish to ensure readiness.
- MOHSEP staff is working extended hours in the Emergency Operations Center and will push the daily Information Bulletins at LEAST once per day to provide you with the most updated information; the Information Bulletins are also posted on our website at www.redstickready.com.
- Please send photos or reports of flooding to MOHSEP@brgov.com. Be sure to include the locations and / or address, as well as a date/time.
- The public can sign up to receive emergency notifications via the following links:
 - www.brgov.com
 - www.redstickready.com
- There is a live link to watch a presentation on community emergency management featuring East Baton Rouge Parish at www.redstickready.com.
- Continually documenting everything that comes into the office as it comes in.
- MOHSEP tropical storm and flash flood procedures are currently being followed.
- Monitoring river stages around the parish:
 - The Comite River at Joor Road is currently at 15.88 feet with a flood stage of 20 feet.
 - The Amite River at Bayou Manchac is currently at 5.4 feet with a flood stage of 9 feet.

DPW Status

- Monitoring pump stations, barricades, and traffic signal issues as well as anything related to this event as a precautionary measure.
- Electrical contractors have been at the EOC testing generator power.
- Sand and sandbags have been delivered to the following fire stations in East Baton Rouge Parish:
 - Baton Rouge Fire Department Station # 6 - 3820 Gus Young Avenue
 - Baton Rouge Fire Department Station #15 - 3150 Brightside Lane
 - Alsen / St. Irma Lee Fire Station - 674 Old Rafe Mayer Road
 - St. George Station # 65 - 1506 Seaboard Drive
 - District 6 Fire Station (51) - 7878 Prescott Road
 - Fire Station # 40 - 22790 Reames Rd
 - Fire Station # 90 - 15094 Old Hammond Highway
 - BREC Park - 6229 Antioch Boulevard

Law Enforcement Status

- Baton Rouge Police Department has provided their updated call out list and been in contact with the Emergency Operations Center.
- Participated in NWS conference call with MOHSEP.

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Fire Department Status

- Baton Rouge Fire Department has been in contact with its staff and is having a departmental management meeting this afternoon to go over procedures.
- Participated in NWS conference call with MOHSEP.
- Central Fire Department has been in communication and provided updated contact information.

Emergency Medical Services Status

- Chad Guillot has been in contact with staff and EOC to update current status.

Information Services Status

- A technician has been placed on standby.

Coroner's Office Status

- Staff has all been placed on standby status and is currently testing communications equipment.

Metropolitan Medical Response System Status

- Dr. Minsky has been in contact with the EOC to coordinate any medical issues that may arise.
- Designated Regional Coordinators have been on scene at the EOC to test equipment.

GOHSEP Status

- Deborah Levins called to receive parish updates and give current contact information.

Utilities Status

- Entergy is currently reporting 1,163 people in East Baton Rouge Parish without power.
- DEMCO is currently reporting 6 people in East Baton Rouge Parish without power.

City of Central

- Chief Bill Porche and David Barrow will serve as the points of contact for any storm related inquiries.
- Sandbags are available at the following fire locations in Central:
 - Station #31 – 11646 Sullivan Road
 - Station #35 – 10626 Lovett Road

City of Zachary

- Chris Calbert called to check status of EOC activation.

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VI. SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

- Facebook is being updated as new information is received. Please refer people you might think could use the information to our site.
- Twitter is being updated as new information is received.
- RedStickReady.com has important flood level information as well as a direct link to brgov.com.
 - There is now a link to see our daily information bulletins on the sidebar.
 - There is also a link to check the local river stages under the “Hazard Tips” section.

VII. USEFUL LINKS

- www.redstickready.com
- www.brgov.com/dept/oep
- www.facebook.com/redstickready
- www.demco.org/keepingyoupluggedin/hurricaneinfo/hurricanetracker
- www.energy-louisiana.com/your_home/storm_center
- www.nws.noaa.gov
- www.nhc.noaa.gov
- www.brgov.com/traffic
- www.lsp.org/emergency.html
- www.brgov.com/emergency
- www.centralgov.com
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