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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***FREEZING WEATHER, BITTER WINDS FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT/THURSDAY MORNING***

**Kenner, LA.** – Kenner is under a cold weather advisory that calls for up to 10 hours of below freezing temperatures Wednesday night and Thursday – along with wind chill temperatures in the teens - as an arctic system moves through southeastern Louisiana, according to the National Weather Service.

Low temperatures Wednesday night and Thursday morning are expected in the upper 20s to near 30 degrees south of Lake Pontchartrain. The conditions north of Lake Pontchartrain are expected to be even colder with freezing temperatures expected for up to 15 hours.

In addition to the temperatures, strong winds will affect exposed pipes – particularly in homes that are elevated, according to the Weather Service. A freeze warning for all of southeastern Louisiana is expected. Winds of 20 to 30 mph are expected Wednesday afternoon and night after the cold front moves through.

According to weather forecasters, there is a “fairly high confidence that a light to moderate freeze will occur across most of the southern half of the area away from the immediate LA coast.”

Tuesday will be chilly – with a high of about 60 degrees after lows near 40 – but the real bitter cold comes after the front arrives during the day on Wednesday, forecasters said.

High temperatures on Thursday will only reach the low 40s and freezing temperatures could return Thursday night and Friday morning, with lows forecast in the low to mid-30s. Highs on Friday are forecast to warm up to about 50 degrees.

“The bitter cold temperatures, combined with the winds, present a real danger to pipes, plants and pets in Kenner and throughout the metropolitan area,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni. “I urge residents to prepare for this cold snap and to think of family members and neighbors that may need some assistance.”

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