



SEVERE WEATHER ADVISORY - No. 1

January 10, 2013

For Immediate Release

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued the following information concerning conditions for our region today:

- **Heavy rains and thunderstorms are moving into our area from the west.**
- **Tornadoes and damaging winds are possible.**
- **With heavy rains, there is a potential threat for flash flooding.**
- **Timing: we can expect heavy rain in our area from late morning and into the afternoon.**

Heavy rainfall with **FLASH FLOODING** can be expected as the bulk of rain moves through. **Expect intense rainfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour. This activity will move into the New Orleans and Mississippi Gulf coast areas later this morning and early afternoon.** The same threats apply to those areas and its possible for a new tornado watch to be issued.

A **TORNADO WATCH** is in effect through noon for portions of southeast LA, although Kenner is not included in the advisory yet. This may change as the storm gets closer. The main severe threats with this activity will be tornadoes, damaging winds and frequent lightning

The Public Works Department has dispatched crews to check drains and will continue to monitor roadway conditions throughout the day. Crews will deploy barricades as needed. Notify PWD via telephone (504)468-7515 of any roadway conditions requiring immediate attention.

USE CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING TODAY...WATCH FOR FLOODED STREETS AND OVERTOPPED CANALS.

COKOEM is monitoring and will be coordinating with KPD, KFD and JP DEM as needed