



CITY OF KENNER

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TROPICAL DEPRESSION IN GULF OF MEXICO; DOES NOT APPEAR HEADED TO LOUISIANA

The tropical system that has struggled to develop and has slowly moved over the past week toward the eastern Gulf of Mexico is expected to become a tropical storm soon and appears headed toward the Big Bend area of Florida later in the week, weather forecasters said Monday.

As of Monday morning, the system was to the west-southwest of the Key West and currently moving fairly slowly toward the west.

Kenner and the rest of southeastern Louisiana is not in the predicted path of the depression, which is forecast to move more northerly in the next day or two and then turn to the northeast toward the west coast of Florida.

“While we do not wish a tropical system on any of our Gulf Coast neighbors, it is good news for Kenner that this storm is currently not expected to hit our area,” Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said. “However, there are still several days for the course to change and the storm to develop, and we will continue to monitor this closely and share information on a regular basis on our website.”

The forecast calls for the system to become a tropical storm later today or on Tuesday, but it is currently not expected to become a hurricane before making landfall at the end of the week.

“We have taken some initial preparations already and are ready to formally activate the Kenner Emergency Action Team if the forecast changes,” Sigur said. “This is the time Kenner residents should make sure they are prepared, because it is the height of the hurricane season, and more systems could be coming this way.”

Sigur urged residents to take the following actions:

- Check and clean out the storm drains near your home, if needed.
- Make sure to have an updated family evacuation plan
- Put together a family disaster kit
- Be prepared for one week without power

More information on hurricane preparation is available at http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_6_77.asp.

In the meantime, here are some websites to consider monitoring when tropical weather threatens.
Kenner forecast page:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Kenner&state=LA&site=LIX&lat=29.9939&lon=-90.2417>

New Orleans/Baton Rouge forecast office: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/?mystation=KNEW>

Jefferson Parish Emergency Management (sign-up available on page for JP Alert system):
<http://www.jeffparish.net/index.aspx?page=185>

City of Kenner: www.kenner.la.us

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