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Tropical Storm Beta Impact to the Port Hurricane Readiness Condition 2

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Anticipating the landfall of Tropical Storm Beta, The Port of Corpus Christi has increased its Hurricane Readiness Status to **Port Condition 2 (Tropical Hazards expected within 24 hours)**, in accordance with its 2020 Hurricane Readiness Plan. The Port continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for the developing Tropical Storm Beta in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region.

Tropical Storm warnings are now in effect from Port Aransas to Port O'Connor; flash flood warnings also are in effect. Heavy rainfall and flooding will be the primary concern as the system is expected to move slowly toward the Gulf Coast this weekend.

As part of **Port Condition 2**, Port Police Department and security personnel continue to support the Harbormaster with vessels seeking safe harbor and, in addition, monitor vessels that have been approved to moor at Port facilities. Crews will secure Port facilities/buildings and prioritize emergency and storm related work orders.

The Port of Corpus Christi remains fully engaged in general readiness activities in coordination with surrounding communities, industry partners and state and federal agencies. All Port of Corpus Christi users shall immediately adhere to the requirements and recommendations set forth in USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 82-20 and forthcoming MSIBs.

The USCG Captain of Sector Port Corpus Christi (CoTP) has set Port Condition Yankee for the area of responsibility north of the Port of Harlingen to the Colorado Locks, including the Port of Corpus Christi, effective 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Under this condition, inbound vessels are restricted.

"The Port of Corpus Christi continues to monitor the developing Tropical Storm Beta and is now at Port Condition Level Yankee. We are preparing for significant rainfall and flooding and working to ensure that all Port users adhere to recommended protocols," said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. "As always, the safety of our employees, stakeholders and the community remains our highest priority."

For storm updates and the latest weather advisories, please visit <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

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