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Tropical Storm Nicholas Impact to the Port **Hurricane Readiness Level 2**

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Anticipating the landfall of Tropical Storm Nicholas, the Port of Corpus Christi has increased its Hurricane Readiness Status to **Hurricane Readiness Level 2** (High Readiness), in accordance with its 2021 Hurricane Readiness Plan. The Port Authority continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for Tropical Storm Nicholas in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region.

Tropical storm and flash flood warnings remain in effect; storm surge warning remains in effect from Port Aransas to Beaumont/Port Arthur; flash flood warnings also are in effect. Heavy rainfall and storm surge flooding remain the primary concerns as the system is expected to move slowly toward the Gulf Coast this weekend.

The Port of Corpus Christi Police Department and security personnel continue to support the Harbormaster with vessels seeking safe harbor and monitor vessels that have been approved to moor at Port facilities. All Port of Corpus Christi users shall immediately adhere to the requirements and recommendations set forth in USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 67-21 and forthcoming MSIBs.

The USCG Captain of Sector Port Corpus Christi (CoTP) set Port Condition X-Ray from Rockport to the U.S. Mexico border, including the Port of Corpus Christi, effective 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Under this condition, owners, operators or agents of all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 gross tons, all barges and their support tugs should review USCG plans to depart or remain in port.

"The Port of Corpus Christi continues to monitor the developing Tropical Storm Nicholas and remains at Port Condition Level X-Ray. We are preparing for continuing declining weather conditions and working to ensure that all Port users abide by recommended protocols," said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. "As always, the safety of our employees, stakeholders and surrounding communities remains our top priority."

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

About Port Corpus Christi

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port of Corpus Christi is the largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port of Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port of Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy."

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