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## Tropical Storm Beta Impact to the Port Hurricane Readiness Condition 3

**Corpus Christi, TX, USA** – Due to the active tropical conditions in the Gulf of Mexico, the Port of Corpus Christi has increased its Hurricane Readiness Status to **Port Condition 3 (Tropical Hazards expected within 48 hours)**, in accordance with its 2020 Hurricane Readiness Plan. The Port Authority continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for the developing Tropical Storm Beta in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region.

As part of Hurricane Condition 3, Port of Corpus Christi police and security personnel are assisting the Harbormaster with vessels seeking safe harbor and monitoring vessels that have been approved to moor at Port of Corpus Christi facilities.

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) 81-20 and forthcoming MSIBs.

The USCG Captain of Sector Port Corpus Christi (CoTP) has set Port Condition X-Ray from the Colorado Locks to the U.S. Mexico border, including the Port of Corpus Christi, effective 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020. 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 CoTP intends to move to Port Condition Yankee for the area of responsibility north of the Port of Harlingen to the Colorado Locks including the Port of Corpus Christi at 3:00pm.

“The Port of Corpus Christi continues to monitor the developing Tropical Storm Beta and is now at Port Condition Level X-Ray. Therefore, the needs of all vessel and port operations are being evaluated and all necessary precautions are underway to secure the Port of Corpus Christi from potential impacts of the storm,” 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/>.

### About Port Corpus Christi

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