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Tropical Storms Marco and Laura Impact to the Port Hurricane Readiness Condition 4

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Due to the active hurricane conditions in the Gulf of Mexico, the Port of Corpus Christi has increased its Hurricane Readiness Status to **Port Condition 4 (Tropical Hazards expected within 72 hours)**, in accordance with its 2020 Hurricane Readiness Plan. The Port Authority continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for the developing Tropical Storms Marco and Laura in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region.

Hurricane Condition 4 engages the Port 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 the most recent United States Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB 65-20).

The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of Sector Port Corpus Christi (CoTP) has set Port Condition Whiskey from the Colorado Locks to the U.S. Mexico border, including the Port of Corpus Christi, effective 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 22, 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 Port of Corpus Christi's Incident Management Team (IMT) was activated on August 21 due to a pipeline rupture and associated dredge vessel accident, which remains in search and recovery operations. We will continue our IMT activities as Tropical Storms Marco and Laura further develop. As always, the safety of our employees, stakeholders and the community remains our highest priority," said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**.

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

About Port Corpus Christi

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