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Hurricane Harvey Impact to the Port Hurricane Readiness Condition 1

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi is now on **Port Condition 1 (Tropical Hazards expected within 12 hours)** in accordance with its 2017 Hurricane Readiness Plan (HRP). The Port continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for Hurricane Harvey in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region. As a precautionary measure for the anticipated landfall of Hurricane Harvey, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (PCCA) has increased its hurricane readiness to Port Condition One in accordance with the Port Hurricane Readiness Plan.

All Port users shall continue to adhere to the requirements and recommendations set forth by the most current USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin.

Hurricane Warning is now in effect from Port Mansfield to Sargent, and Storm Surge Warning now in effect from Port Mansfield to High Island. Harvey is predicted to be a Category 3 hurricane with max winds of 125 mph at landfall in Texas Friday afternoon. Flash Flood Watch is now in effect for most South Texas. Many areas are expected to see at least 15 inches of rain, with some areas seeing more than 25 inches.

As part of **Port Condition 1**, On-duty Port police and security personnel are tallying all vessels, (ships,tugs,barges,etc) moored to POCCHA's oil and cargo docks. Maintenance crews' emergency and storm related work orders continue to be the priority. All hurricane preparation work was completed. Each of the respective departments is on track in their own preparations in accordance of Port Condition 1 of the Hurricane Readiness Plan and the Port continues to be fully engaged in

general readiness activities in coordination with surrounding the communities, industry partners and state and federal agencies.

During the preparedness operations of any level of Hurricane Preparedness Conditions, the safety of all port personnel and stakeholders is paramount for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

“The geographical location of Port Corpus Christi and its facilities along the Texas Coast makes having a hurricane readiness plan imperative for safety, commerce, and resiliency. The Port is taking this storm very seriously and it is in full-preparedness mode anticipating Harvey’s landfall, and will continue monitoring its strength and path as it gets closer to the Texas Gulf Coast.” **said John LaRue, Executive Director**

About Port Corpus Christi

As a major economic engine of the South Texas Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 4th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36 mile, 47 foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic marine commerce. The Port has excellent rail and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstates. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven member commission, Port Corpus Christi is clearly “Moving America’s Energy.” <http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/>

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