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Tropical Storm Harvey Impact to the Port **Hurricane Readiness Condition 2**

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi is now on **Port Condition 2 (Tropical Hazards expected within 24 hours)** in accordance with its 2017 Hurricane Readiness Plan (HRP). The Port continues to monitor possible impact scenarios for Tropical Storm/Hurricane Harvey in and around the Texas Coastal Bend region. Harvey continues to become better organized - Official data indicates that the center of circulation has reorganized farther north. This puts the center under the heaviest shower and thunderstorm activity. This recent organizational trend significant strengthening.

Thursday, August 24 - 10:00 a.m. Storm Summary:

- Harvey is undergoing rapid intensification.
- Currently a strong tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph, pressure 983 mb's.
- We are now expecting a major hurricane with max winds 115 mph at landfall between Corpus Christi and Port O'Connor!
- Storm Surge increased along mid coast to 6 to 10 feet above ground level.
- Rainfall Totals 15-20" with isolated 30" maximum. Life-threatening, devastating, record flooding possible

Hurricane warnings are now in effect from Baffin Bay to San Luis Pass, and Storm Surge Watch now in effect from Baffin Bay to High Island. Heavy rainfall and flooding will be the primary concern as the system is expected to stall across the area throughout the weekend. Potential significant flooding for much of Coastal Bend as well as much of southern Louisiana is due to Harvey's slow motion.

Anticipating the landfall of the tropical storm/hurricane Harvey, the Port has increased its hurricane readiness status to **Port Condition 2 (Tropical Hazards expected within 24 hours)**. As part of **Port Condition 2**, Port police and security personnel continue assisting the Harbormaster with vessels seeking safe harbor and they are monitoring vessels that have been approved to moor at Port facilities. Maintenance crews' emergency and storm related work orders are priority. Crews will not be allowed to perform any other additional work and will continue securing Port facilities and buildings to include all Oil Docks, Cargo Docks, Guard Shacks, Admin/Annex buildings, Ortiz Center and Security Command Center. Each of the respective departments is on track in their own preparations in accordance of Port Condition 2 of the Hurricane Readiness Plan.

The port continues to be fully engaged in general readiness activities in coordination with surrounding the communities, industry partners and state and federal agencies. All port users shall immediately adhere to the requirements and recommendations set forth in the most current United States Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Information Bulletin.

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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