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Lafourche Parish Monitors Tropical Storm Alex

Lafourche Parish Government's Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is currently monitoring Tropical Storm Alex, which is forecasted to be in the Gulf of Mexico early Monday morning. As of the 7:00 A.M. advisory, the forecast track shows eventual landfall somewhere between central Mexico and the Louisiana/Texas border late next week.

"With the current forecast track, it appears this storm may not affect our operations here in Lafourche, but we will continue to prepare in case the track shifts eastward," said Chris Boudreaux, OEP director for Lafourche Parish Government.

Lafourche Parish Unified Command in Port Fourchon is prepared to activate hurricane plans, if necessary. Those plans include agreements with all contractors working in response to the Gulf oil spill to evacuate contracted personnel 24 hours prior to the Parish calling any evacuations for residents. This also means the moving of all equipment and temporary facilities erected for the response several days before a storm would affect the area.

"Anytime a storm gets in the Gulf, Port Fourchon could be at risk from rising water," Boudreaux said. "So no matter where this storm heads, we have to monitor it closely with the National Weather Service in case we have to move quickly to get all these people and facilities out of here in time."

For the latest emergency information from Lafourche Parish Government, log on to <http://www.lafourchegov.org>, and click on the Emergency Information link, or sign up for Emergency Email updates. Residents can also obtain emergency updates through Twitter by visiting <http://twitter.com/LafourcheGov>.

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