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Hurricane Warning

HURRICANE IKE LOCAL STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HOUSTON/GALVESTON TX
819 PM CDT THU SEP 11 2008

...IKE CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARD SOUTHEAST TEXAS AT 12 MPH...

.AT 700 PM CDT THE CENTER OF HURRICANE IKE WAS LOCATED
NEAR LATITUDE 26.2 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 89.9 WEST OR ABOUT
ABOUT 370 MILES SOUTHEAST OF GALVESTON TEXAS.

IKE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST NEAR 12 MPH AND THIS
MOTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS WITH A
TURN TO THE NORTHWEST EXPECTED LATE FRIDAY. ON THIS FORECAST
TRACK THE CENTER OF IKE WILL BE VERY NEAR THE UPPER TEXAS
COAST BY LATE FRIDAY. BECAUSE IKE IS A VERY LARGE TROPICAL
CYCLONE THE WEATHER WILL DETERIORATE ALONG THE COASTLINE LONG
BEFORE THE CENTER REACHES THE COAST.

DATA FROM BOTH NOAA AND AIR FORCE HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT
INDICATE THAT MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS REMAIN NEAR 100 MPH
WITH HIGHER GUSTS. IKE IS A CATEGORY TWO HURRICANE
ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE BUT MAY BECOME A MAJOR HURRICANE
PRIOR TO REACHING THE COASTLINE.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 115 MILES FROM THE
CENTER AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 275
MILES.

THE LATEST MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE MEASURED BY THE AIR FORCE
HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT HAD RISEN TO 954 MB OR 28.17 INCHES
OF MERCURY.

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BRAZORIA-CHAMBERS-GALVESTON-HARRIS-JACKSON-LIBERTY-MATAGORDA-
819 PM CDT THU SEP 11 2008

...HURRICANE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT...

...NEW INFORMATION...

.AT 700 PM CDT THE CENTER OF HURRICANE IKE WAS LOCATED
NEAR LATITUDE 26.2 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 89.9 WEST OR ABOUT
ABOUT 370 MILES SOUTHEAST OF GALVESTON TEXAS.

...AREAS AFFECTED...

THIS STATEMENT RECOMMENDS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY PERSONS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES OR MARINE AREAS:

BRAZORIA...CHAMBERS...GALVESTON...HARRIS...JACKSON...LIBERTY...MATAGORDA.

...WATCHES/WARNINGS...

NO ADDITIONAL HAZARDS ARE IN EFFECT.

...PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

CURRENT EVACUATION INFORMATION:

BRAZORIA COUNTY:

MANDATORY EVACUATIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CITIES OF PEARLAND...ALVIN...MANVEL...AND ANGLETON.

RESIDENTS IN THE COASTAL AREAS AND THOSE REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION FROM BRAZORIA COUNTY TO BELL COUNTY MUST RUSH THEIR PREPARATIONS TO COMPLETION BY 10 AM TODAY.

CHAMBERS COUNTY:

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

GALVESTON COUNTY:

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR ALL OF GALVESTON ISLAND. THIS ORDER GOES INTO EFFECT AT NOON TODAY.

A MANDATORY EVACUATION IS IN EFFECT FOR BOLIVAR PENINSULA...OMEGA BAY...SAN LEON...BACLIF...FREDDIESVILLE...TIKI ISLAND...KEMAH...AND CLEAR LAKE SHORES. THE MANDATORY EVACUATION OF CLEAR LAKE SHORES BEGINS AT 2 PM.

SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUATION IS ALSO TAKING PLACE.

BUSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FOR CITIZENS THAT NEED ASSISTANCE WITH EVACUATIONS. BUSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING PICKUP POINTS:

BACLIF COMMUNITY CENTER: 4500 10TH STREET...BACLIF...77518
DICKINSON COMMUNITY CENTER: 2417 HWY 3...DICKINSON...77539
HITCHCOCK LIBRARY...8005 BARRY AVENUE...HITCHCOCK...77563
CRYSTAL BEACH ANNEX...941 NOBLE CARL DRIVE...CRYSTAL BEACH...77650

CITIZENS SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER EVACUATING IF THEY LIVE IN AREAS SUBJECT TO FLOODING OR IN MOBILE HOMES. IF YOU DECIDE TO EVACUATE...PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KIT AND IMPORTANT PAPERS.

THE GALVESTON-BOLIVAR FERRY WILL CEASE OPERATIONS AT 11 PM TONIGHT.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS...THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH FRIDAY...HIGH ISLAND...HITCHCOCK...SANTA FE...CLEAR

CREEK...FRIENDSWOOD...GALVESTON AND DICKINSON. THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY...LA MARQUE AND TEXAS CITY.

THE BOLIVAR S.U.D. HAS INDICATED THEY WILL CEASE WATER SERVICE TO THE PENINSULA AT 5 PM TODAY.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH HOSPITAL IN GALVESTON MAY BEGIN A COMPLETE EVACUATION OF THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES THIS MORNING. THE EMERGENCY ROOM WILL STAY OPEN.

HARRIS COUNTY:

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR ZIP CODE 77507 IN THE PASADENA AREA.

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING ZIP CODES...77058...77059...77062...77520...77546...77571...77586... AND 77598.

PERSONS THROUGHOUT HARRIS COUNTY THAT LIVE IN MOBILE HOMES OR HIGH RISES SHOULD CONSIDER EVACUATING DUE TO THE HIGH THREAT OF DAMAGING WINDS.

FOR HARRIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKERS...ESSENTIAL WORKERS ONLY REPORT ON FRIDAY.

FOR RESIDENTS IN THE MANDATORY EVACUATION ZIP ZONES WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND ARE NOT REGISTERED...PLEASE CALL 311.

THERE WILL BE NO TRASH SERVICE ON FRIDAY DUE TO THE EXPECTED HIGH WINDS.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES IS SUSPENDING FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF HOBBY AIRPORT BEGINNING AT 9 AM FRIDAY.

JACKSON COUNTY:

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TODAY AND FRIDAY.

MATAGORDA COUNTY:

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 35. THIS MANDATORY EVACUATION INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF PALACIOS...ASHBY-BUCKEYE...EL MATON... COLLEGEPORT...MATAGORDA...WADSWORTH...SARGENT...CEDAR LANE... CHINQUAPIN...TRES PALACIOS OAKS...AND TIDEWATER OAKS. BLESSING IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE MANDATORY EVACUATION EVEN THOUGH IT IS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 35.

THESE EVACUATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 6 PM TODAY.

MATAGORDA COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDING A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 35 AND IN BAY CITY AND VAN VLECK FOR THOSE LIVING IN LOW LYING AREAS AND MANUFACTURED HOMES THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY TIED DOWN.

IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU EVACUATE WITH YOUR PETS. BE SURE TO TAKE A PET CARRIER...LEASH...VACCINATION RECORDS...AND FOOD FOR YOUR PET. IF YOU EVACUATE TO A SHELTER, YOUR PETS WILL BE BOARDED AT

PEI. IF YOU EVACUATE TO A SHELTER...YOUR PEIS WILL BE BOARDED AT A SEPARATE FACILITY.

BE SURE TO START YOUR EVACUATION WITH A FULL TANK OF GAS.

IF YOU HAVE NO MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION OR CANNOT FIND ANYONE TO HELP YOU EVACUATE AND NEED ASSISTANCE...YOU CAN CONTACT 979-245-3056 OR 979-244-5318. YOU SHOULD COME TO THE BAY CITY SERVICE CENTER OR KC HALL IN PALACIOS.

RESIDENTS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY WHO NEED SHELTER CAN EVACUATE TO THE SHELTER HUB IN AUSTIN. SIGNS IN AUSTIN WILL DIRECT EVACUEES TO OPEN SHELTERS.

ALL SCHOOLS IN MATAGORDA COUNTY WILL BE CLOSED TODAY AND FRIDAY. PALACIOS SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH.

...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE...

TIDE LEVELS WILL BEGIN RISING FRIDAY MORNING AND WILL EXCEED 5 FEET ABOVE MEAN LOWER LOW WATER ALONG THE UPPER TEXAS COAST AND ALONG THE SHORELINES OF THE BAYS BY MID TO LATE MORNING FRIDAY. WATER LEVELS WILL RISE RAPIDLY BEGINNING LATE AFTERNOON FRIDAY AS THE STORM SURGE MOVES IN WITH WATER LEVELS PEAKING FRIDAY NIGHT AND EARLY SATURDAY. MAXIMUM STORM TIDE LEVELS ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT

ON THE TRACK OF THE STORM AND VARIATIONS IN THE TRACK OF ONLY 15 MILES CAN MAKE DIFFERENCES OF SEVERAL FEET MORE OR LESS FROM SOME OF THESE VALUES.

MAXIMUM WATER LEVELS FORECAST:

GULF-FACING COASTLINE WEST OF SARGENT...5 TO 8 FEET

SHORELINE OF MATAGORDA BAY...5 TO 8 FEET

GULF-FACING COASTLINE SARGENT TO HIGH ISLAND
INCLUDING GALVESTON ISLAND.....12 TO 16 FEET

SHORELINE OF GALVESTON BAY...15 TO 22 FEET

LIFE THREATENING INUNDATION LIKELY!

ALL NEIGHBORHOODS...AND POSSIBLY ENTIRE COASTAL COMMUNITIES... WILL BE INUNDATED DURING THE PERIOD OF PEAK STORM TIDE. PERSONS NOT HEEDING EVACUATION ORDERS IN SINGLE FAMILY ONE OR TWO STORY HOMES WILL FACE CERTAIN DEATH. MANY RESIDENCES OF AVERAGE CONSTRUCTION DIRECTLY ON THE COAST WILL BE DESTROYED. WIDESPREAD AND DEVASTATING PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE IS LIKELY ELSEWHERE. VEHICLES LEFT BEHIND WILL LIKELY BE SWEEPED AWAY. NUMEROUS ROADS WILL BE SWAMPED...SOME MAY BE WASHED AWAY BY THE WATER. ENTIRE FLOOD PRONE COASTAL COMMUNITIES WILL BE CUTOFF. WATER LEVELS MAY EXCEED 9 FEET FOR MORE THAN A MILE INLAND. COASTAL RESIDENTS IN MULTI-STORY FACILITIES RISK BEING CUTOFF. CONDITIONS WILL BE WORSENERED BY BATTERING WAVES. SUCH WAVES WILL EXACERBATE PROPERTY DAMAGE...WITH MASSIVE DESTRUCTION OF HOMES...INCLUDING THOSE OF BLOCK CONSTRUCTION. DAMAGE FROM BEACH EROSION COULD TAKE YEARS TO REPAIR.

HIGH TIDE TIMES:

MORGANS POINT...
 FRI 2:52 PM.
 SAT 2:59 PM.

CLEAR LAKE ENTRANCE...
 FRI 10:36 AM.
 SAT 10:43 AM.

EAGLE POINT...
 FRI 8:25 AM.
 SAT 8:32 AM.

PORT BOLIVAR...
 FRI 4:45 AM.
 FRI 1:52 PM.
 SAT 4:52 AM.
 SAT 3:00 PM.

GALVESTON CHANNEL...
 FRI 4:31 AM.
 FRI 1:38 PM.
 SAT 4:38 AM.
 SAT 2:46 PM.

GALVESTON PLEASURE PIER...
 FRI 3:25 AM.
 FRI 12:32 PM.
 SAT 3:32 AM.
 SAT 1:40 PM.

JAMAICA BEACH...
 FRI 7:09 AM.
 FRI 4:16 PM.
 SAT 7:16 AM.
 SAT 5:24 PM.

SAN LUIS PASS...
 FRI 4:22 AM.
 FRI 1:29 PM.
 SAT 4:29 AM.
 SAT 2:37 PM.

FREEPORT...
 FRI 3:47 AM.
 FRI 12:54 PM.
 SAT 3:54 AM.
 SAT 2:02 PM.

PORT O CONNOR...
 FRI 10:15 AM.
 SAT 2:01 PM.

NOTE...TIDE LEVELS ARE REFERENCED FROM THE MEAN LOWER LOW WATER.

...WINDS...

PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT EVACUATED SHOULD PLAN TO SHELTER IN PLACE IN A WELL BUILT STRUCTURE DURING THE PERIOD OF TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PERSONS WHO LIVE IN MOBILE HOMES OR POORLY-BUILT STRUCTURES SHOULD EVACUATE TO A SAFER LOCATION SUCH AS A WELL BUILT HOME. PERSONS WHO LIVE IN HIGH RISES SHOULD CONSIDER EVACUATING AS WINDS CAN BE STRONGER AT THE TOP OF A HIGH RISE THAN AT GROUND LEVEL.

TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS IN EXCESS OF 39 MPH ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE COASTAL COUNTIES LATE MORNING FRIDAY...AND SPREAD INLAND TO THE HOUSTON AREA MID AFTERNOON FRIDAY. WINDS OF AT LEAST TROPICAL STORM FORCE WILL THEN POSSIBLY LAST ABOUT

24 HOURS

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DEPENDING ON THE EVENTUAL TRACK AND STRENGTH OF IKE...HURRICANE FORCE WINDS WILL REACH THE COASTAL COUNTIES LATE EVENING ON FRIDAY...

AND THE HOUSTON METRO AREA AROUND MIDNIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS MAY LAST FOR UP TO 8 TO 12 HOURS.

PEAK WIND GUSTS OF 100 TO 115 MPH WILL BE POSSIBLE ACROSS HARRIS...LIBERTY...BRAZORIA...GALVESTON...AND CHAMBERS COUNTIES. WIND SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 115 MPH WILL BE POSSIBLE NEAR WHERE THE CENTER OF THE STORM COMES ONSHORE.

VERY DANGEROUS WINDS WILL PRODUCE WIDESPREAD DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF MOBILE HOMES IS LIKELY.

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WILL INCLUDE THE MAJORITY OF MOBILE HOMES BEING SEVERELY DAMAGED. THOSE THAT SURVIVE WILL BE UNINHABITABLE UNTIL REPAIRED. HOUSES OF POOR TO AVERAGE CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE MAJOR DAMAGE...INCLUDING PARTIAL WALL COLLAPSE AND ROOFS BEING LIFTED OFF. MANY WILL BE UNINHABITABLE. WELL CONSTRUCTED HOUSES WILL INCUR MINOR DAMAGE TO SHINGLES...SIDING...GUTTERS...AS WELL AS BLOWN OUT WINDOWS. UP TO ONE QUARTER OF GABLED ROOFS WILL FAIL.

PARTIAL ROOF FAILURE IS EXPECTED AT INDUSTRIAL PARKS...ESPECIALLY TO THOSE BUILDINGS WITH LIGHT WEIGHT STEEL AND ALUMINUM COVERINGS. OLDER LOW RISING APARTMENT ROOFS MAY ALSO BE TORN OFF...AS WELL AS RECEIVING SIDING AND SHINGLE DAMAGE. UP TO ONE QUARTER OF ALL GLASS IN HIGH RISE OFFICE BUILDINGS WILL BE BLOWN OUT. AIRBORNE DEBRIS WILL CAUSE DAMAGE...INJURY...AND POSSIBLE FATALITIES.

NATURAL DAMAGE WILL INCLUDE ALL TREES WITH ROTTING BASES BECOMING UPROOTED OR SNAPPED. NEARLY ALL LARGE BRANCHES WILL SNAP. BETWEEN ONE QUARTER AND ONE HALF OF HEALTHY SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED TREES WILL BE SNAPPED OR UPROOTED...MOST COMMON WHERE THE GROUND IS SATURATED. UP TO THREE QUARTERS OF NEWLY PLANTED GROUND CROPS WILL BE DAMAGED.

...INLAND FLOODING...

WIDESPREAD RAINFALL OF 2 TO 4 INCHES WITH ISOLATED TOTALS OF 6 TO 10 INCHES WILL BE POSSIBLE FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. SIGNIFICANT FLOODING WILL BE POSSIBLE IN AREAS OF HEAVIEST RAINFALL.

...TORNADOES...

THE THREAT FOR TORNADOES WILL INCREASE RAPIDLY BEGINNING LATE FRIDAY AND CONTINUE THROUGH LATE SATURDAY AS IKE MOVES ONSHORE. YOU SHOULD PLAN TO SEEK SHELTER IN AN INTERIOR ROOM ON THE LOWEST FLOOR AWAY FROM WINDOWS.

...NEXT UPDATE...

THIS STATEMENT WILL BE UPDATED AROUND 11 PM.

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Flood Watch

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 AUSTIN-BRAZORIA-BRAZOS-BURLESON-CHAMBERS-COLORADO-FORT BEND-
 GALVESTON-GRIMES-HARRIS-HOUSTON-JACKSON-LIBERTY-MADISON-MATAGORDA-
 MONTGOMERY-POLK-SAN JACINTO-TRINITY-WALKER-WALLER-WASHINGTON-
 WHARTON-
 INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ALVIN...ANAHUAC...ANGLETON...BAY CITY...
 BELLVILLE...BRENHAM...BROOKSHIRE...BRYAN...CALDWELL...CLEVELAND...
 COLDSRING...COLLEGE STATION...COLUMBUS...CONROE...CORRIGAN...
 CROCKETT...DAYTON...EAGLE LAKE...EDNA...EL CAMPO...FREEPORT...
 FRIENDSWOOD...GALVESTON...GROVETON...HEMPSTEAD...HOUSTON...
 HUMBLE...HUNTSVILLE...KATY...LAKE JACKSON...LAKE SOMERVILLE...
 LEAGUE CITY...LIBERTY...LIVINGSTON...MADISONVILLE...
 MISSOURI CITY...MONT BELVIEU...NAVASOTA...ONALASKA...PALACIOS...
 PASADENA...PEARLAND...PIERCE...PRAIRIE VIEW...RICHMOND...
 ROSENBERG...SEALY...SHEPHERD...SUGAR LAND...TEXAS CITY...
 THE WOODLANDS...TOMBALL...TRINITY...WEIMAR...WHARTON...WILLIS...
 WINNIE
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...FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FROM FRIDAY MORNING THROUGH SUNDAY
 MORNING...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN HOUSTON/GALVESTON HAS ISSUED A

- * FLOOD WATCH FOR A PORTION OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS...INCLUDING THE
 FOLLOWING COUNTIES...AUSTIN...BRAZORIA...BRAZOS...BURLESON...
 CHAMBERS...COLORADO...FORT BEND...GALVESTON...GRIMES...
 HARRIS...HOUSTON...JACKSON...LIBERTY...MADISON...MATAGORDA...
 MONTGOMERY...POLK...SAN JACINTO...TRINITY...WALKER...WALLER...
 WASHINGTON AND WHARTON.
 - * FROM FRIDAY MORNING THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING
 - * HURRICANE IKE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE LANDFALL ALONG THE UPPER TEXAS
 COAST LATE FRIDAY NIGHT OR EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. RAIN BANDS
 WILL BEGIN AFFECTING THE COASTAL AREAS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS ON
 FRIDAY AND INCREASE IN COVERAGE AND INTENSITY AS THE DAY
 PROGRESSES. PERIODS OF VERY HEAVY RAIN CAN BE EXPECTED AS IKE
 MOVES INLAND LATE FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY MORNING.
- WIDESPREAD RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 2 TO 4 INCHES WITH ISOLATED
 TOTALS OF 6 TO 10 INCHES WILL BE POSSIBLE. SIGNIFICANT FLOODING
 WILL BE POSSIBLE IN AREAS OF HEAVIEST RAINFALL.
- * REMEMBER...WHEN WATER COVERS THE ROAD...TURN AROUND...DON`T
 DROWN. MOTORISTS SHOULD NEVER ATTEMPT TO CROSS ANY FLOODED
 ROADWAYS.

PLEASE MONITOR THE LATEST FORECASTS AND BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE
 WARNINGS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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Hazardous Weather Outlook

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HOUSTON/GALVESTON TX
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GMZ330-335-350-355-370-375-TXZ163-164-176>179-195>200-210>214-226-
227-235>238-121100-
AUSTIN-BRAZORIA-BRAZOS-BURLESON-CHAMBERS-COLORADO-FORT BEND-
GALVESTON-GALVESTON BAY-GRIMES-HARRIS-HOUSTON-JACKSON-LIBERTY-
MADISON-MATAGORDA-MATAGORDA BAY-MONTGOMERY-POLK-SAN JACINTO-
TRINITY-WALKER-WALLER-WASHINGTON-
WATERS FROM FREEPORT TO THE MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL 20 NM TO 60 NM-
WATERS FROM FREEPORT TO THE MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL OUT 20 NM-
WATERS FROM HIGH ISLAND TO FREEPORT 20 TO 60 NM-
WATERS FROM HIGH ISLAND TO FREEPORT OUT 20 NM-WHARTON-
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THIS HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

.DAY ONE...TODAY AND TONIGHT

HIGHER SURF FROM HURRICANE IKE IS ALREADY IMPACTING THE COASTAL WATERS TODAY. WAVES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE DURING THE DAY AS HURRICANE IKE EDGES CLOSER TO THE UPPER TEXAS COAST.

.DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...FRIDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY

THE MAIN IMPACTS OF HURRICANE IKE WILL BEGIN MAINLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH INCREASED WINDS ALONG THE COAST. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS WILL LIKELY BEGIN DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING. IKE WILL POSSIBLY MAKE LANDFALL LATE FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SATURDAY MORNING ALONG THE UPPER TEXAS COAST. THE STORM WILL PUSH THROUGH SOUTHEAST TEXAS SATURDAY. IN ADDITIONS TO HURRICANE FORCE WINDS...VERY HEAVY RAINFALL AND FLOODING WILL BE POSSIBLE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TORNADO THREAT WITH SOME OF THE RAINBANDS AS IKE MOVES ONSHORE. RESIDENTS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MONITOR THE LATEST FORECASTS AND STATEMENTS ON HURRICANE IKE. NOW IS THE TIME TO CARRY OUT YOUR HURRICANE PLAN AND PREPARATIONS.

.SPOTTER INFORMATION STATEMENT...

SPOTTER ACTIVATION IS NOT EXPECTED.

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