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### **MEMA Monitoring Tropical Depression in the Gulf of Mexico**

**PEARL** – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is keeping a close eye on tropical depression 13 in the Gulf of Mexico and is urging all residents along the coast to do the same. A Tropical storm warning has been issued for Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.

The National Weather Service is forecasting the possibility of more than 12 inches of rain falling along the Mississippi coast over the next few days.

The NWS office in New Orleans has issued a coastal flood watch for Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties evening with the following description of conditions:

- Coastal flooding: tides are currently running a foot above normal this morning. Tides are expected to continue to rise to 2 to 3 feet above normal. Tides could be significantly higher if the surface low becomes stronger than currently expected or is much closer to the region.
- Timing: the highest tides are expected to begin Friday and last through the weekend.
- Impacts: the high tide levels may produce flooding in low lying areas along the Mississippi coast. This will cause inundation of mostly secondary roadways. These higher tide levels will also inhibit drainage of local rivers.

MEMA is working closely with county emergency managers in the lower six counties to prepare and respond to any requests for assistance.

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