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MEMA urges residents to keep an eye on Tropical Depression Ida

PEARL – MEMA Director Mike Womack urges Mississippians to prepare now for effects from Tropical Depression Ida. The National Hurricane Center in Miami places Ida in the Gulf of Mexico by late this weekend into early next week as a tropical storm.

“Even though this storm is not forecasted to turn into a hurricane, the winds and rains that come with it could impact many Mississippians,” Womack said. “Before this storm potentially enters the Gulf please take the time to review your family emergency plan as well as to ensure your emergency supply kit is fully stocked.”

A disaster supply kit should include items such as:

- Flashlight and battery-powered radio with extra batteries.
- Canned and non-perishable food.
- Bottled water.
- Toiletry items.
- Pet food and pet supplies.
- Medicine and prescription medication.
- Copies of important family papers and documents.

As of Friday afternoon the forecast path issued by the National Hurricane Center includes much of the Gulf Coast from Louisiana to Florida. Residents are reminded that the official Atlantic hurricane season runs through the end of November. Everyone should stay tuned to local media for the latest storm predictions.

MEMA will continue to release updated information about Tropical Depression Ida as they develop.

For more information on tropical weather preparedness, visit MEMA's Web site at www.msema.org.

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