URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED HURRICANE DOLLY LOCAL STATEMENT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BROWNSVILLE TX 527 PM CDT WED JUL 23 2008

...DOLLY CONTINUES TO WEAKEN AS IT MOVES INTO EASTERN WILLACY COUNTY...

.AT 4 PM CDT...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE DOLLY WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 26.6 NORTH...LONGITUDE 97.6 WEST OR ABOUT 50 MILES NORTH OF BROWNSVILLE OR OVER JUST EAST OF RAYMONDVILLE IN WILLACY COUNTY.

DOLLY CONTINUES MOVING NORTHWEST AT AROUND 8 MPH...BUT TENDS TO SHOW A WEST WOBBLE. HOWEVER...DOLLY CONTINUES TO MOVE INLAND TAKING HER AWAY FROM THE WARM GULF WATERS THAT FEED THE HURRICANE.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE DECREASED TO NEAR 85 MPH...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. DOLLY REMAINS A CATEGORY ONE HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR- SIMPSON SCALE...BUT CONTINUES TO SLOWLY WEAKEN.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 35 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF DOLLY...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 140 MILES.

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE ESTIMATED FROM AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE DATA IS 970 MB.

DOLLY IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE TOTAL RAIN ACCUMULATIONS OF 8 TO 12 INCHES...WITH ISOLATED AMOUNTS OF 15 TO 20 INCHES...OVER PORTIONS OF DEEP SOUTH TEXAS AND NORTHEASTERN MEXICO OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

COASTAL STORM SURGE FLOODING IS EXPECTED TO SUBSIDE BUT LARGE BATTERING WAVES WILL CONTINUE ALONG THE SHORE LINE THROUGH THE EVENING.

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...HURRICANE WIND WARNING NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL 2 AM CDT FRIDAY...

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...TORNADOES...

ISOLATED TORNADOES REMAIN A POSSIBILITY TODAY AS THE CENTER OF HURRICANE DOLLY MOVES ACROSS EASTERN WILLACY COUNTY. THE BEST CHANCES WILL BE IN AREAS TO THE NORTH OF THE CENTER. A TORNADO WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR HIDALGO...WILLACY AND CAMERON COUNTIES.

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ROTTING LARGE TREES WILL BE UPROOTED...MOST COMMON ON SATURATED GROUND. NUMEROUS LARGE BRANCHES OF HEALTHY TREES WILL SNAP...AND MODERATE DAMAGE IS POSSIBLE IN CITRUS ORCHARDS. UP TO ONE HALF OF NEWLY PLANTED CROPS MAY BE DAMAGED.

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