URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BROWNSVILLE TX 1221 PM CDT MON JUL 21 2008

...DOLLY MOVING INTO OPEN GULF WATERS AND FORECAST TO INTENSIFY WHILE GRADUALLY APPROACHING THE SOUTH TEXAS COAST...

.AT 1000 AM CDT...A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED FOR THE TEXAS COAST FROM BROWNSVILLE NORTHWARD TO PORT O'CONNOR. A HURRICANE WATCH MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE WATCH AREA...GENERALLY WITHIN 36 HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS ISSUED A HURRICANE WATCH FROM RIO SAN FERNANDO MEXICO NORTHWARD TO THE U.S. BORDER...AND A TROPICAL STORM WATCH FROM LA PESCA MEXICO NORTHWARD TO RIO SAN FERNANDO.

AT 1000 AM CDT...THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM DOLLY WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 22.1 NORTH...LONGITUDE 89.5 WEST OR ABOUT 55 MILES NORTH OF THE NORTHWEST TIP OF THE YUCATAN PENINSULA. DOLLY IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST NEAR 18 MPH. A GRADUAL DECREASE IN FORWARD SPEED IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS...WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF MOTION. ON THIS TRACK...DOLLY WILL BE APPROACHING THE COAST OF DEEP SOUTH TEXAS OR EXTREME NORTHEAST MEXICO BY WEDNESDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 50 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. STRENGTHENING IS FORECAST...AND DOLLY COULD BECOME A HURRICANE BY TOMORROW.

TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 175 MILES FROM THE CENTER. THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE BASED ON RECENT AIRCRAFT DATA IS 1005 MB...29.68 INCHES.

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... HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

...AREAS AFFECTED...

THIS STATEMENT INCLUDES COASTAL SECTIONS OF DEEP SOUTH TEXAS AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY...INCLUDING PORT ISABEL...SOUTH PADRE ISLAND...BAYVIEW AND LAGUNA VISTA...AND ALL OF KENEDY COUNTY.

... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

DOLLY MAY CAUSE POWER OUTAGES...SO AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT IS VERY IMPORTANT. TO DECREASE THE CHANCES FOR DAMAGE...REINFORCE YOUR GARAGE DOOR...AND COVER WINDOWS WITH PLYWOOD. IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATIONS...MAKE SURE YOUR AUTOMOBILE IS FULLY FUELED... AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION...BEFORE LEAVING. FOR MORE INFORMATION...

SEE HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/DATA/BRO/PNSBRO.

...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE...

THROUGH TUESDAY NIGHT...TIDES WILL SLOWLY RISE AND COULD REACH 2 TO 2.5 FEET ABOVE NORMAL ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BY LATE TUESDAY NIGHT OR EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING AND 1.5 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AT PORT ISABEL. CURRENT DATA SUGGESTS A STORM SURGE IN AND AROUND THE LAGUNA MADRE OF UP TO 2.5 FEET AT TIMES OF HIGH TIDE ON WEDNESDAY AND 3 TO 4 FEET ON WEDNESDAY FROM THE BROWNSVILLE SHIP CHANNEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. HOWEVER...SURGE COULD BE HIGHER OR LOWER DEPENDING ON THE ULTIMATE TRACK AND INTENSITY OF DOLLY.

...WINDS...

SOUTHEAST WINDS WILL BE 10 MPH OR LESS TODAY AND TONIGHT...SHIFTING TO THE NORTHEAST ON TUESDAY AND GRADUALLY INCREASING FROM LATE TUESDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT. CURRENT FORECAST DATA INDICATES TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS WILL ARRIVE TUESDAY EVENING...WITH HURRICANE FORCE WINDS POSSIBLE BY EARLY WEDNESDAY CONTINUING THROUGH THE DAY.

...PROBABILITY OF HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS...

BY LATE TUESDAY NIGHT...THE PROBABILITY OF TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS WILL INCREASE TO ABOUT 40 PERCENT AND THE PROBABILITY OF HURRICANE FORCE WINDS WILL INCREASE TO ABOUT 5 PERCENT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE VALUES ARE SUBJECT TO INCREASE AS DOLLY APPROACHES THE AREA.

...INLAND FLOODING...

DRY WEATHER WILL PREVAIL TODAY AND TONIGHT. SOME OF THE OUTER RAIN BANDS MAY MOVE INTO DEEP SOUTH TEXAS LATE TUESDAY. MORE WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAINFALL IS EXPECTED TO START LATE TUESDAY NIGHT CONTINUING INTO WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THIS MAY PRODUCE NUISANCE FLOODING OF POOR DRAINAGE AREAS. HOWEVER...THE FINAL TRACK AND SPEED OF DOLLY MAY GREATLY AFFECT FINAL RAINFALL TOTALS AND LOCATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT INLAND FLOODING.

A TRACK FARTHER NORTH TOWARD KINGSVILLE AND CORPUS CHRISTI MAY REDUCE OVERALL STORM RAINFALL TOTALS WHILE A TRACK ACROSS EXTREME NORTHEAST MEXICO MAY INCREASE STORM RAINFALL TOTALS.

...TORNADOES...

AN ISOLATED WATERSPOUT OR TORNADO IS POSSIBLE BEGINNING TUESDAY AFTERNOON CONTINUING INTO TUESDAY NIGHT AS THE OUTER RAINBANDS MOVE ACROSS THE LOWER TEXAS GULF WATERS INTO DEEP SOUTH TEXAS.

...BEACH EROSION...

IF DOLLY TAKES A SLOWER AND MORE SOUTHERLY TRACK...SEVERE BEACH EROSION WOULD AFFECT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ESPECIALLY ON WEDNESDAY.

IF DOLLY TAKES A MORE NORTHERLY TRACK SIMILAR TO HURRICANE BRET IN 1999...THERE WOULD BE LESS BEACH EROSION...IF ANY.

...NEXT UPDATE...

THE NEXT STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED AT AROUND 430 PM CDT.

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...HURRICANE WIND WATCH IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY EVENING THROUGH THURSDAY MORNING...

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