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Beginning December 8, the KLIX WSR-88D radar operated by the NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) in Slidell, Louisiana will be down for approximately seven days for the replacement of the generator, fuel tanks, and accompanying components. This activity is important to support the radar's operation during periods of commercial power outages, specifically when hazardous weather is present.

This generator update is one of five major projects of the NEXRAD Service Life Extension Program (SLEP), a series of upgrades and replacements that will keep our nation's radars viable into the 2030's. NOAA NWS, the United States Air Force, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are investing \$150 million in the seven year program. The first project was the installation of the new signal processor and the second project was the transmitter refurbishment. The two remaining projects are the refurbishment of the pedestal and equipment shelters. The SLEP will complete in 2023.

During the downtime, adjacent radars include: WSR-88D radars in Mobile (KMOB), Jackson (KDGX), Lake Charles (KLCH), and Fort Polk (KPOE) and the FAA terminal doppler radar from New Orleans (TMSY). For direct access to any of these surrounding radar sites, go to the following web page: radar.weather.gov. A single radar site can be viewed by going to the "Select View" menu option then clicking on "Local Radar" to select a single radar site. For a radar mosaic loop of the lower Mississippi River Valley, go to radar.weather.gov or use radar.weather.gov/ridge/standard/SOUTHMISSVLY_loop.gif for low bandwidth.

The KLIX WSR-88D is part of a network of 159 operational radars. The Radar Operations Center in Norman, Oklahoma, provides lifecycle management and support for all WSR-88Ds.

The New Orleans/Baton Rouge National Weather Service in Slidell, LA can be found online at weather.gov/lix and on social media:

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