The 2016 hurricane season has arrived – and NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center has prepared this four-page guide as a resource for Stennis employees. The guide offers invaluable information: a hurricane tracking map, storm-rating information and contact numbers for emergency situations. It also serves as an important reminder for every Stennis employee to be prepared and alert for whatever the 2016 storm season may deliver.

**Hurricane Guide**

As part of their hurricane season preparation, individuals are urged to contact county/parish offices to identify available shelters in their areas.

In both Mississippi and Louisiana, persons are reminded they may call 2-1-1 to obtain information about health and human services available in their areas.

The number is staffed 24 hours a day in Louisiana and on weekdays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Mississippi. It offers information on various services, including food, clothing, shelters and transportation assistance.

Stennis employees are reminded to discuss their evacuation plans with supervisors so they can be contacted after a storm or to acquire their company/agency policy on contacts after a storm.

**Emergency preparation checklist**

- Gather a two-week inventory of emergency supplies, such as flashlights, batteries, a battery-operated radio, blankets and pillows, canned and dried food, non-electric can opener, eating/cooking utensils, emergency cooking facilities (grill or camp stove), fuel, cash and/or credit cards, clothes, toiletries, water (1 gallon per person a day), prescription medications, first-aid kit/handbook, fully-charged cell phone, towels, sleeping bags, etc.
- Back up computer files.
- Collect valuable papers, such as social security cards, birth certificates, marriage and death records, insurance policies, savings and checkbooks, etc.
- Prepare an inventory of household goods.
- Gather basic post-storm cleanup and repair supplies, such as axes, brooms, a camera to record damage, cleaning supplies, mosquito repellent, trash bags, hard tools, a chain saw, duct tape, plastic tarps, extension cords, a ladder, generator and fuel, etc.

**Stennis Space Center WILL NOT serve as a shelter to any workers or families** (to include families of ride-out personnel).

**Mississippi resource information**

- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (www.msema.org) .................................................. 866-519-MEMA (6362)
- Mississippi Department of Transportation (www.mdot.ms.gov and www.mdottraffic.com) ... 866-521-MDOT (6368)
- Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (www.dps.state.ms.us) .................................................... 601-987-1212 (*HP from any cell)
- Mississippi Public Broadcasting (www.mpbonline.org) ......................................................... (24-hour hotline) 601-326-1184
- Governor's Office (www.governorbyant.com) ................................................................. 601-359-3150
- Mississippi Insurance Department (www.md.rms.gov) .................................................... 800-562-2957
- U.S. Coast Guard - Sector Mobile (www.uscg.mil/D8) ...................................................... 251-441-5720
- Mississippi Power (www.mississippipower.com) ............................................................. 800-487-3275
- Coast Electric Power (www.coastepea.com) ................................................................. 877-769-2372

**Louisiana resource information**

- Louisiana Department of Transportation (www.dot.louisiana.gov) ........................................ 877-4LA-DOTD (452-3683)
- National Weather Service Forecast Office (New Orleans/Baron Rouge) ......................... 504-322-7330
- Louisiana State Police (www.lsp.org) ................................................................. 225-925-6006 (*LSP from any cell phone)
- Louisiana Traveler Information (www.511la.org) ............................................................. dial 511 within state; 888-ROAD-511 (888-762-3511) outside state
- Louisiana Department of Insurance (www.lid.louisiana.gov) ............................................. 225-529-5300 or 225-342-5000
- U.S. Coast Guard - Sector New Orleans (www.uscg.mil/D8/sectNOLA/) ...................... 504-365-2200
- Cleco Corporation (www.cleco.com) ................................................................. 800-622-6537
- Entergy (www.energylouisiana.com) ................................................................. 800-ENTERGY (638-7349)
- Power outages: 800-9OUTAGE (968-8243)
- Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative (www.wste.coop) ............................... 985-643-6612
- Power outages: 866-672-9773

- Entergy (www.entergy-louisiana.com) .......................................................................................... 800-ENTERGY (368-3749)
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- NOAA National Hurricane Center .......................................................................................... www.nhc.noaa.gov
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Louisiana-Mississippi interstate contraflow plan

In an effort to assist Louisiana in the event of a mandatory hurricane evacuation, the Mississippi Department of Transportation will implement contraflow (lane reversal) for I-59 and I-55 when requested by Louisiana and approved by the Mississippi governor.

- A contraflow decision is not automatic and will only be used when absolutely necessary. Citizens should not delay evacuation plans in anticipation of contraflow.
- I-59 contraflow will begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi and end just south of Poplarville.
- I-55 contraflow will begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi and end just south of Brookhaven.
- Exits within the contraflow sections of the interstate highways will remain open as conditions allow. Law enforcement officers will assist with traffic control.
- Shoulers of both Interstates 59 and 55 should be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Motorists needing to stop should use the next available exit.
- Motorists traveling west into Louisiana on I-10 will be routed north onto I-59 at the I-10/I-12 split.
- Tune in to public broadcasting radio stations for emergency information and road conditions.
- The following procedures will be enforced in the Hattiesburg area to avoid severe congestion:
  - Northbound traffic on Hwy. 49 may not be allowed to exit at either Hwy. 98 or I-59.
  - Northbound traffic on I-59 can only exit at Hwy. 11 (Exit 66) or west onto Hardy Street/Hwy. 98 (Exit 65).
  - Westbound traffic on Hwy. 98 will not be allowed to exit onto Hwy. 49, but directed to merge onto I-59 instead.

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Severe weather terms

- **Watch**
  Adverse conditions are *possible* in the specified watch area, usually within 36 hours. A watch may apply to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods or hurricanes.

- **Warning**
  Adverse conditions are *expected* in the specified warning area, usually within 24 hours. A warning may apply to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods or hurricanes.

Public shelter information

Shelters are operated by trained individuals and are designed to ensure the safety, security and basic needs of sheltering residents are met. As a reminder, no one is allowed to shelter at Stennis Space Center.

- **What to bring to a shelter**
  Residents seeking shelter should bring a change of clothing, a blanket and a pillow for each person in their family or group. Residents also should bring their disaster supply kit, including food, medications, comfort items and special items for infants or elderly persons.

- **What not to bring to a shelter**
  No weapons, drugs or alcohol are allowed.

Hurricane preparedness apps

- **Alert FM**
  Functions as a weather radio, with unique local alerts from emergency officials.

- **FEMA**
  Provides safety tips, interactive aids and maps of shelters and recovery centers.

- **Know Your Plan**
  An Insurance Information Institute app with various preparation and mitigation aids.

- **Way to Geaux**
  A Louisiana roads hands-free, eyes-free, location-based audio traffic alert system.