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INFORMATION RELEASE

TROPICAL STORM BONNIE

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At 10 AM CDT...1500Z...The center of Tropical Storm BONNIE was located near Latitude 24.2 North...Longitude 90.6 West or about 350 miles South-Southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

BONNIE is moving toward the Northwest near 8 mph. A gradual decrease in forward speed and a turn toward the north is expected later today or tonight.

Maximum sustained winds are near 60 mph with higher gusts. Some gradual strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours.

BONNIE remains a very small system with tropical storm force winds extending outward up to 30 miles from the center.

Under the current forecast BONNIE could make landfall along the panhandle of Florida Thursday morning with the remnants of Bonnie moving across Georgia Thursday afternoon and evening.

There is a significant amount of uncertainty of what if any impact BONNIE will have on our area. Readers are advised to continue to monitor this storm.

This notification is being given as a precautionary measure. All interested parties should maintain vigilance in monitoring this storm. A thorough check of emergency supplies for in-place sheltering should commence. Emergency response agencies should review their hurricane plans and determine the availability of their assets, resources and personnel. Those agencies that have responsibility to share this release should begin doing so at this time.

CEMA remains at OPCON 5, the most relaxed condition during hurricane season. No further action is required at this time. The next information release will be issued Wednesday morning or as conditions warrant.