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NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE EXTENDS REACH OF NOAA WEATHER RADIO TRANSMITTER IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA

Lower Louisiana residents, visitors and coastal mariners now have additional access to weather information anytime, thanks to a reconfigured NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards transmitter in Buras, La.

Owners of NOAA Weather Radios in lower Lafourche and Jefferson parishes and adjacent coastal waters can tune to 162.475 MHz for the broadcasts from NOAA's National Weather Service in Slidell, La. NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards, known as "The Voice of the National Weather Service," is a continuous 24-hour source of the latest weather forecasts and warnings broadcast directly from the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Forecast Office.

The addition of a new antenna allows the station at Buras to provide continuous broadcasts to include the marine, shipping and fishing interests of Grand Isle, Leeville and Port Fourchon, La.," said Paul Trotter, meteorologist in charge at the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Forecast Office. "The Buras transmitter significantly increases the National Weather Service's ability to reach the lower Louisiana area directly with weather warnings and forecasts. A NOAA Weather Radio in the home, car, truck, and other vehicles helps protect families, individuals and property."

In a ceremony highlighting the expanded service, Brig. Gen. John J. Kelly, Jr., U.S. Air Force (Ret.), deputy under secretary for oceans and atmosphere, noted, "We are clearly in the grip of another active hurricane season and this expanded broadcast coverage now affords greater protection to the citizens of this region as well as the marine community.

"With a NOAA Weather Radio network consisting of more than 900 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. Pacific Territories, we have the capability of sending critical warnings and environmental information to 95 percent of the U.S. population," added Kelly. "NOAA Weather Radio provides important weather information during natural or man-made disasters, and can be used to place safety information directly on the airwaves to alert the public to take protective actions."

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. The National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners and nearly 60 countries to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

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