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**Subject:** Conference call on Tropical Storm Isaac

Sir:

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Your teleconference on Tropical Storm Isaac will commence at 12:15. FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, National Hurricane Center Director Dr. Rick Knabb (pronounced "Nab"), Alyssa, and I will be on the call. I will start off by telling you who is on the call and then inviting Dr. Knabb to provide a brief update on the storm's track and what we expect from it over the next 24-72 hours. Isaac is taking a slightly more westward course, which will allow it to gain additional strength over the warm waters of the Gulf. The Florida Keys and western coast of Florida are in for some very heavy rainfall and storm surges, and there is significant concern about severe flooding and power outages. Dr. Knabb likely will say that landfall will occur Tuesday night/Wednesday morning somewhere between the eastern coast of Louisiana and the western panhandle of Florida, with Mobile, Alabama currently in the storm's crosshairs.

After Knabb's update, we'll turn to Craig, who is currently in Florida (while technically on vacation at his private residence in [REDACTED] he has been working non-stop on Isaac over the last several days from an office at nearby Camp Blanding). As you know, Craig was the former director of Florida's Emergency Management Office for many years, so he knows the players, capabilities, and challenges in Florida very well. Craig will highlight the major actions underway and areas of particular focus/concern. He also will touch upon preparations underway in Tampa. Coordination between FEMA and state officials in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana is reportedly going very well.

While the near-term focus is on the Gulf states, you might want to ask Knabb/Craig about the potential impact further inland. If Isaac hits land as a Category 2 Hurricane as recent projections indicate, it will retain quite a wallop as it moves through Mississippi and Alabama, including in depressed areas that are especially vulnerable to devastating damage from high winds and heavy rainfall.

Finally, after the call concludes, Craig will host a previously scheduled conference call with key federal and state emergency officials in Florida and Gulf Coast states. You will speak with Governor Scott, and we will put out a press statement on the calls.