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VITEMA Continues to Track Tropical Storm Isaac

St. Croix, VI – The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) continues to track the progress of Tropical Storm Isaac.

According to the National Weather Service, San Juan, Puerto Rico update received at 8:30 a.m., “Although there is a small level of uncertainty, Tropical Storm Isaac is expected to gradually weaken as it approaches the territory. On its current track, Tropical Storm Isaac is forecasted to travel about 160 miles south of St. Croix, bringing about one to two inches of rain and waves up to 12 feet late Thursday, into Friday.”

The Territory is prepared for any further developments of Tropical Storm Isaac, as well as for the remainder of the hurricane season. Presently, federal partners from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Incident Management Assistance Team and Defense Coordinating Element are on the ground and poised to support. Based on the Emergency Management Council meeting held on Sept. 10, response agencies and departments are on alert and are prepared to activate their disaster response protocols.

“My staff and I will continue to monitor Tropical Storm Isaac,” said VITEMA Director Mona L. Barnes. “We are still in the peak of the 2018 hurricane season; therefore, residents must continue to remain vigilant, monitor the weather and ensure emergency supply kits are prepared with up to ten days of supplies. We should also continue to keep our brothers and sisters located in the Carolinas in our thoughts and prayers as Hurricane Florence approaches their area.”

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