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### ARCTIC BLAST TO IMPACT LOUISIANA

**BATON ROUGE (January 7, 2011)** – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is urging Louisiana residents to prepare for forecasted winter weather conditions. GOHSEP will be in contact with the National Weather Service (NWS) throughout the weekend and is communicating with other state agencies in the anticipation of sleet, snow, and potential icing of Louisiana roadways in certain parts of the state. The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is on standby with equipment and sand as they monitor road conditions and Louisiana State Police (LSP) has additional troopers on standby.

The current weather forecasts in Northwest Louisiana call for rain to turn into a wintry mix of snow/sleet by late Sunday morning. There is the potential for 2-4 inches of snow in north Louisiana, above Interstate-20. There could be hazardous road conditions Monday because of possible snowy conditions.

In Northeast Louisiana, there could be a snow/sleet mix by Sunday afternoon/evening. However, snow/sleet accumulation is not expected. There are no potential road hazards expected in Northeast Louisiana Monday. A hard freeze warning may be issued Tuesday through Thursday.

Cold air moving into the region from the north could bring freezing rain late Saturday evening to Southeast Louisiana.

Southwest Louisiana faces one to three inches of rainfall Saturday night through Sunday with possible street flooding. According to NWS, there is no winter weather threat at this time.

“Out of an abundance of caution, please make sure you have the right supplies to keep you and your family safe, in the event roads and bridges become icy and travel conditions

are unsafe,” said GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper. “And by all means, please check on the elderly and disabled.”

Supplies for weathering the potential extreme conditions include food, water, blankets, flashlights and batteries in the event icy tree limbs down power lines.

Please monitor your local weather forecasts. For more information on how to keep you and your family safe, go to [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).

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