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S&WB Preparing for Stormy Weekend Weather

The Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans is making preparations for potential heavy rainfall Saturday, April 14.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a Slight to Enhanced Risk of severe weather for the New Orleans area for much of Saturday. Forecasters are predicting 2-4 inches of rainfall with possible heavy downpours in concentrated areas.

Residents are encouraged to clear their catch basins of debris. Every effort helps prepare the city for rain.

On call Drainage Pumping Station (DPS) personnel will be on standby and dispatched before the rain begins. All manned pumping stations will have operators on duty throughout the event. S&WB crews will constantly monitor all underpass pumping stations.

The S&WB Emergency Management Team will be on duty Saturday throughout the event.

All but one of the city's 120 drainage and constant-duty pumps are available, including all major drainage pumps capable of pumping 1,000 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) or more.

The S&WB can produce enough power to run New Orleans' drainage system. With the return of the 20 MW Turbine 5 to service last month, a reliable layer of redundancy was added to the power supply.

With the addition of Turbine 5, the S&WB can produce more than 54 MW of 25 Hz power. It takes about 52 MW to run New Orleans entire 25 Hz drainage system at full go.

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