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**Baton Rouge (July 10, 2019)- The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is fully activating the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as Potential Tropical Cyclone Two moves toward the central gulf coast. The EOC will move to Level 1 operations at 6:00 am Thursday morning. Level 1 is the highest activation level with all state agencies, support organizations and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) joined in the response. Gov. Edwards today declared a state of emergency due to the threat of the system which weather experts say could intensify into a hurricane. That administrative step authorizes the use of state resources to aid local emergency managers with any response and recovery efforts. <br />**

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Tomorrow, Gov. John Bel Edwards will host a second Unified Command Group (UCG) meeting to discuss the latest on the tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico and the state's ongoing emergency preparedness efforts. The governor's office will continue to provide updates as information becomes available and additional UCG meetings will be scheduled as necessary**