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BATON ROUGE – Governor Bobby Jindal held a Unified Command Group meeting this morning and then a press conference where he outlined the steps taken in preparation for Hurricane Isaac and urged the federal government to grant a full disaster declaration.

Governor Jindal said, “According to the National Weather Service, the storm appears to be slowing and getting better organized. Tropical Storm winds have started in Plaquemines Parish and there have been tropical storm gusts in New Orleans. Tropical storm winds will start to spread into Baton Rouge today. Again, as we said yesterday, this storm is moving slowly so we expect to see tropical storm winds for 24 hours in most locations and some locations will have sustained tropical winds for up to 36 hours. Areas in the direct path of the storm will experience hurricane force winds for between 6 to 10 hours. Additionally, the slow movement of the storm means a greater chance of heavy rain. The forecast shows between 10 to 16 inches of rainfall expected. There is also a chance of tornadoes today and tomorrow.