



## **Armstrong International Airport Hurricane Preparedness**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- August 21, 2007 --- The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport wants to remind the public of its plans in the event of a Hurricane or Tropical Storm.

Armstrong International Airport prepares for many types of emergencies, including Tropical Storms and Hurricanes. Earlier this year, the Aviation Board adopted a new Hurricane Plan.

The Airport's plan includes coordination with local, state and federal governmental officials; airlines; tenants and vendors who operate on the Airport. Law Enforcement will be deployed to the Airport to ensure a secure environment. Armstrong International operates on the same radio network as local law enforcement and has other state of the art communications equipment that can be deployed if there is a loss of normal communication systems.

In the event a tropical storm or hurricane is approaching the New Orleans area, the Airport will remain open for as long as flights continue to operate. While the time when airlines cease operations varies, the last flight normally departs approximately 12 hours before the onset of tropical storm force winds on the Louisiana coast. If you plan on traveling by air out of the region, plan early. If you are traveling with pets, check with your air carrier prior to coming to the airport as not all airlines allow pets and there are federal limits as to the number of pets allowed on each flight.

Also critical in the Airport's Hurricane Plan is the restricted access to the Airport facilities. If you are traveling on a scheduled flight when a hurricane is approaching, please carry with you some form of flight confirmation. This can be an email flight confirmation, boarding pass or ticket receipt. Not having this documentation, will delay your entrance to the Airport terminal.

Those who plan to participate in city or parish assisted evacuations should follow the directions of their city or parish and proceed to those designated pick up locations. It should also be noted that the Airport is not a shelter and no passengers or residents will be allowed to ride out a storm at the Airport.

For the latest flight information, refer to your airlines' web site or reservations number or the Airport's web site at [www.flymsy.com](http://www.flymsy.com).