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INSURANCE INFORMATION NOTICE 2022-1
SUBJECT: Preparations for Tropical Depression 9

Tropical Depression Nine has formed in the Caribbean Sea and is likely to soon strengthen into Tropical Storm Ida before potentially threatening the northern U.S. Gulf Coast as a hurricane by late weekend or early next week. It's too early to know exactly what impacts future Ida might bring to portions of the U.S. Gulf Coast, but interests from Texas and Louisiana to Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle should monitor its progress closely until the forecast comes into greater focus. The NOAA’s National Hurricane Center (NHC) says there is the potential for dangerous wind, rain and storm surge impacts in these areas by Sunday and Monday. A copy of today’s 11 a.m. NOAA update is attached. Future updates can be found at https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/.

BE PREPARED! State agencies are encouraged to immediately take precautionary measures to elevate all movable property, including valuable papers, vehicles and heavy machinery, and equipment to higher ground to minimize the potential damage from rising water. Unplug electronics before leaving the building (when possible). If your location is prone to flooding, use sandbags or similar to help may help reduce water intrusion. Have information for the statewide remediation contract vendors and other pertinent resource information available in case of power outage or inability to access your computer or the internet.

Should an agency sustain a loss promptly report it to Sedgwick CMS. Claim reporting instructions and forms are available online at http://www.laorm.com/.

Agencies should email lastorms@sedgwick.com to report catastrophe claims. Include the agency name(s) and agency location code(s), site code, city and parish name, and their contact information. Sedgwick will send an agency-specific form that will allow reporting of multiple claims. It will take the place of the “1st Party Losses” form.

If you are unable to access the internet or have questions on reporting your claim(s), contact Sedgwick at (225) 368-3500 or toll free at (844) 717-5566.

Should an agency require emergency remediation services from this event, refer to the Statewide Remediation Contract to obtain these services. Reference the following link for specific details.

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