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Collecting Institutions: Prepare for Heavy Rainfall on Gulf Coast

WASHINGTON, DC—A low pressure system over central Georgia is expected to move toward the Gulf of Mexico over the next few days. This system will likely produce heavy rainfall along parts of northern and eastern US Gulf Coast. Those in the storm's path should prepare for the likelihood of an extreme water event later this week.

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) offers free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations impacted by the event. Please help ensure that staff members of collecting institutions are aware of these resources:

- Information on disaster recovery and salvage for impacted collections can be found online at www.culturalheritage.org/resources/emergencies.
- The National Heritage Responders, a team of trained volunteer conservators and collections care professionals, are available to provide advice on the phone via a free 24-hour hotline at 202.661.8068.
- National Heritage Responders are also available to conduct pro bono on-site assessments and provide guidance on salvage. Call the hotline (202.661.8068) to request assistance.

Collecting institutions are encouraged to do all that you can to stabilize your collections before the storm hits, while also making sure that your response contact lists and resources are ready to use, should your institution be affected.

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