

Citadel Gale prepares Navy for hurricanes

April 25, 2011 will kick off Citadel Gale/HUR-REX exercise.

Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) will conduct the exercise, April 25-May 3, to prepare the Navy to respond to weather threats to United States coastal regions and maintain the ability to deploy forces even under the most adverse weather conditions.

During HURREX 11, the Navy will respond to simulated weather systems which will develop and intensify to hurricane strength, threatening the East Coast and Gulf Coast regions.

"HURREX is an annual exercise that provides Navy installations with an opportunity to focus on

conducting necessary training in preparation for the upcoming Hurricane Season," said NAS Meridian Emergency Management Officer Bryon Garrison. "We will train in important areas such as personnel accountability and disaster preparedness, both at work and at home. The lessons learned during HURREX are key to conducting safe, effective operations while minimizing potential weather impacts during hurricane season."

The hurricane season for the United States begins June 1 and runs until Nov. 30. Ensuring the accountability and safety of personnel is a top priority for the Navy.