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## **DFW International Airport Completes Overnight Airfield Inspections Ahead of Ike's Winds**

### **Airfield secure and runways open as Airport readies for tropical storm-force winds this afternoon**

DFW International Airport, Texas (September 13, 2008) – DFW International Airport completed overnight inspections of the airfield to assure all equipment and aircraft are secure as tropical storm-force winds head to North Texas.

The airport is expecting winds of 25-45 miles per hour later today. The Airport remains open and flights continue, although 23 cancellations are reported to airports in South Texas and Louisiana.

"We are thinking about our fellow Texans on the coast and working hard to keep things moving at DFW to keep disruptions to a minimum," said Ken Capps, vice president of public affairs at DFW. "However, safety will be the number priority today, and if the wind or heavy rain necessitate delays or cancellations, we ask everyone to please be patient with us."

DFW is prepared to activate its Emergency Operations Center if needed later today. DFW's Customer Service staff is also monitoring the storm and flights and will activate its irregular operations plan to assist passengers today if needed. The Airport also has a number of crews on standby to respond to any possible damage as a result of the storm.

The remnants of Ike may also affect flights across the United States this weekend, so travelers are advised to check with their airlines on the latest status of a flight.

Passengers are urged to go to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com) and click on Flight Tracker to monitor all arrivals and departures from DFW.

Military personnel returning to duty from R&R leave are asked to contact their rear detachment and the Personnel Assistance Point listed on their Port Call sheet should they encounter any flight delays during their journey back to the Middle East.

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The Airport will update this advisory as warranted to keep the public informed on flight operations this weekend.

### **About DFW International Airport**

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 1,900 flights per day and serving 57 million passengers a year. DFW has been named "Best Airport for Customer Service in North America" by an Airports Council International survey of passengers in 2006 and 2007. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 135 domestic and 37 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com).

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