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WORKERS BEGIN THEIR RETURN TO MARINE PLATFORMS IN THE SONDA DE CAMPECHE

- At 12:45pm inspection of facilities began
- Jesús Reyes Heróles G.G., Director General of Petroleos Mexicanos, reaffirms the company's compromise towards reestablishing standard operation at the briefest time possible, under strict security standards
- PEMEX took preventive measures towards "Dean's" arrival in the Northern Region
- The supply of fuel is guaranteed throughout the country

Once the state of emergency had concluded in the Sonda de Campeche Region, originated by hurricane "Dean", The Committee for the Plan in Response to Emergencies by Hurricanes, known by its Spanish acronym as PREH, agreed at 12:15pm today, with respect to the technical-operative personnel of the off-shore facilities, a gradual restitution of hydrocarbon productions in the region.

As a first step, and once the aeronautic authorities opened the airspace, specialized personnel boarded the first inspection flight at 13:42. The objective was to verify the condition in which the facilities were after the passage of hurricane "Dean".

Jesús Reyes Heróles G.G., Director General of Petroleos Mexicanos, while reaffirming the company's compromise towards reestablishing standard operation at the briefest time possible, pointed out that the return of workers had begun sooner than predicted, for which the transfer of the 18,197 evacuated workers to the facilities located 70 to 120 kilometers off-shore should take place at the briefest time possible and under strict conditions of security and order.

For this transfer operation to take place, PEMEX will utilize 29 helicopters and 55 vessels.

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With these actions, Petroleos Mexicanos estimates to initiate the recovery of its production of 2 million 650 thousand barrels of crude oil per day and 2 billion 234 million cubic feet per day of natural gas, which was affected by this meteorological event, this upcoming Friday. Upon confirmation that no mayor damage took place, it is estimated that restitution may reach 80% at the beginning of next week and 100% through out the course of it.

PMI Comercio Internacional announced that previous to the arrival of “Dean” the Mexican storage facilities had inventories of 10.5 million barrels of crude oil in different terminals. These inventories of crude oil will gradually initiate their loading onto the vessels as soon as port authorities open the operation of the ports, pursuing to fulfill with established compromises.

After the announcement that huracaine “Dean” was headed towards Veracruz, the Committee for the Plan in Response to Emergencies by Hurricanes (PREH) of PEMEX Exploration and Production Northern Region took the decision to implement the total evacuation phase of seven platforms and the shut down of marine wells.

On the other hand, PEMEX Refining announced that it has taken adequate measures to guarantee the supply of fuels throughout Mexico.

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The Committee will be on permanent session, to implement corresponding actions at the right time, as the hurricane approaches and possible affectation to the platforms area be left. The application of the second phase of the Emergency Response Plan consists on performing total and safe layoff of wells and facilities, and the evacuation of the remaining PEMEX personnel working in the platforms.

This second phase foresees the air transfer of 994 workers to Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, they will remain in the locality up to the moment the meteor effects end up, and guarantee safety conditions to renew marine platform operations.

PEMEX set up the following phone number 01800 2281 299, free of charge, for workers' relatives. It will also keep on informing about measures adopted to face the contingency caused by the "Dean" hurricane in the Sonda of Campeche.

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