



NHC/TAFB to provide detailed information for Hispaniola in the Atlantic Tropical Weather Discussion

At the request of Meteo-France and the meteorological services of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the National Hurricane Center/Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) will begin providing, on a temporary basis, a separate detailed section within the Atlantic Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD). It will cover both Haiti and Dominican Republic due to the shared geography of both countries on the island of Hispaniola.

The section begins on May 15, 2013, at 1800 UTC (2 pm EDT). It will provide guidance for significant weather events that are expected to impact the region through 48 hours, with the focus on assessing the potential for heavy rainfall.

This information is being provided to augment services provided by the meteorological services of Haiti and the Dominican Republic while the region continues its recovery efforts in the wake of the 2010 earthquake and subsequent flooding events.

The Atlantic TWD is produced four times daily at 0005, 0605, 1205 and 1805 UTC (8:05 p.m., 2:05 a.m., 8:05 a.m., and 2: 05 p.m. EDT), and is found under the AWIPS and WMO headers MIATWDAT/AXNT20 KNHC

It can also be accessed on the NHC website at:
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/MIATWDAT.shtml>

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