



Upgrade to National Hurricane Center website

Effective Monday, November 9, 2015, NOAA's National Hurricane Center (NHC) website (www.nhc.noaa.gov or www.hurricanes.gov) will be upgraded. This represents the first major upgrade to the NHC website since 2005.

The screenshot shows the National Hurricane Center website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Mobile Site, Text Version, RSS, and Log Out. Below this is the main header with the NHC logo and the text 'NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER'. A secondary navigation bar includes links for Analyses & Forecasts, Data & Tools, Educational Resources, Archives, About NHC, and Search. A 'Top News of the Day' section lists recent updates, including a new tool for hurricane forecasting in 2015. The main content area features a map of the Atlantic and Eastern North Pacific regions. A text box on the map states: 'Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.' Below the map, there is a legend for 'Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance' with color-coded boxes for different probability ranges (< 40%, 40-60%, > 60%) and symbols for Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone, Depression, Storm, Hurricane, Post-Tropical Cyclone, and Remnants. At the bottom of the page, there are three promotional boxes: 'Marine products from NHC's Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch', 'Hurricane season continues through November 30 - Be Prepared!', and 'FAQ' (Looking for something? Our Frequent Questions page can help).

The new formatting for the website was made available to the public this past July on a parallel page at www.nhcpara.noaa.gov. During the subsequent four-month period, NHC received feedback and comments from hundreds of users. Based on these responses, NHC believes that the new format will be an improvement of service over the current website format. In particular, users commented that the new webpage is easier to navigate, has a cleaner look and feel, and projects better on mobile devices than the current webpage. The new format also brings the NHC webpage in line with other recent National Weather Service web formatting upgrades.

Please note that only the formatting of the webpage will change. No changes have been made to any operational products, URLs or the location of the operational products.

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