



CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER'S TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK AND EXPERIMENTAL GRAPHICAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

Effective May 15, the National Hurricane Center will institute changes in the text Tropical Weather Outlook and the experimental graphical Tropical Weather Outlook. The changes are part of a continuing effort at the National Hurricane Center to expand and enhance the level of service to its users.

The changes include:

- The issuance time of the text and graphical Tropical Weather Outlook for the Atlantic basin will be moved to 2 A.M., 8 A.M., 2 P.M., and 8 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time. The issuance times will be one hour earlier in November during Eastern Standard Time.
- The issuance time of the eastern North Pacific text and graphical Tropical Weather Outlooks will be moved to 5 A.M., 11 A.M., 5 P.M., and 11 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time. These times will also become an hour earlier in November during Pacific Standard Time.
- The changes to the issuance times will permit the information to be based on the most recent global model guidance. It will also permit both products to be more easily incorporated into the late afternoon and late evening news broadcasts, and will be issued before the National Weather Service forecast offices prepare and issue their local forecasts.
- The issuance of the experimental Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook will expand from two times a day to four times a day, coinciding with the issuance of the text Tropical Weather Outlook.
- The experimental Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook will now include a three-tiered categorical genesis forecast (color-coding) for potential development.
 - Yellow: Low-probability of development is less than 20%
 - Orange: Medium-probability of development is from 20-50%
 - Red: High-probability of development is greater than 50%

Further information is located at: <http://hurricanes.gov/aboutgtwo.shtml>

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