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HURRICANE FRAN ADVISORY NUMBER 50

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MIAMI FL

11 PM EDT THU SEP 05 1996

...CORRECTED WIND GUST AT CAMP LEJEUNE NORTH CAROLINA...

...HURRICANE FRAN MOVING INLAND OVER NORTH CAROLINA...

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FROM CAPE FEAR NORTH CAROLINA TO THE NORTH CAROLINA/VIRGINIA BORDER...INCLUDING PAMLICO AND ALBEMARLE SOUNDS. A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FROM NORTH OF THE NORTH CAROLINA/VIRGINIA BORDER TO CHINCOTEAGUE VIRGINIA...INCLUDING THE GREATER HAMPTON ROADS AREA. A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS ALSO IN EFFECT FOR THE LOWER CHESAPEAKE BAY.

ALL OTHER WATCHES AND WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED AT 11 PM EDT.

AT 11 PM EDT...0300Z...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE FRAN WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 34.5 NORTH...LONGITUDE 78.1 WEST OR NEAR CURRIE...ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA.

FRAN IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH NEAR 16 MPH AND THIS GENERAL MOTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE...WITH THE CENTER MOVING OVER EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 100 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS IN SQUALLS. FRAN WILL CONTINUE TO WEAKEN AS THE CENTER MOVES FARTHER INLAND. HOWEVER... HURRICANE FORCE WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO SPREAD INLAND AS FAR AS 100 MILES NEAR THE PATH OF FRAN. WIND GUSTS TO 84 MPH WERE RECENTLY REPORTED AT CAMP LEJEUNE NORTH CAROLINA.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 140 MILES FROM THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 290 MILES...MAINLY OVER WATER.

ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 965 MB...28.50 INCHES.

RAINFALL TOTALS OF 5 TO 10 INCHES...LOCALLY HIGHER...ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE PATH OF FRAN. THE THREAT FROM RAINFALL WILL INCREASE OVER HIGHER TERRAIN DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS...WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR INLAND FLOODING.

ISOLATED TORNADOES ARE POSSIBLE OVER PORTIONS OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA...CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA.

STORM SURGE FLOODING AND DANGEROUS BATTERING WAVES ARE EXPECTED TO GRADUALLY DECREASE ALONG THE COAST IN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA.

REPEATING THE 11 PM EDT POSITION...34.5 N... 78.1 W. MOVEMENT TOWARD...NORTH NEAR 16 MPH. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...100 MPH. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE... 965 MB.

INTERMEDIATE ADVISORIES WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER AT 1 AM EDT AND 3 AM EDT FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY ISSUANCE AT 5 AM EDT...FRIDAY.

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