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Subject: Enhanced Group Calling (EGC) Messages via INMARSAT C to Provide
Urgent Code 2 for all Weather Systems with Hurricane Force Winds:
Effective April 9, 2019

Effective Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the NWS Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) will assure the Enhanced Group Calling (EGC) messages transmitted via INMARSAT C for the High Seas Forecasts (HSF) is set to Urgent Code 2 for all events with hurricane force winds (i.e., over 64 knots (kt)). Previously, Urgent Code 2 was only used for tropical storm and hurricane events.

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