Subject: The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) Operational Drought Outlooks (DOs) will Begin Including the U.S. Virgin Islands on or about August 17, 2023

On or about August 17, 2023, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) will include the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) on the depiction of the operational Monthly and Seasonal Drought Outlooks.

The proposed change addresses requests from the NWS Southern Region and interest from partners and stakeholders from the USVI. The minor changes are (1) to increase the inset box size already in place for Puerto Rico on the Drought Outlook forecast maps and (2) include text related to the USVI in the forecast discussion when applicable.

The URLs for the current product page and a page showing an example of the new depiction are given below, respectively:

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.png

For any questions regarding these changes, please contact:

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