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Subject: Soliciting Comments for Experimental Tropical
Cyclone Impacts Graphics through November 30, 2012

Effective no later than July 1 and continuing through November 30, 2012, NWS is seeking user feedback on experimental Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics associated with tropical storms and hurricanes.

The suite of graphics addresses four hazards: wind, tornadoes, coastal flooding, and inland flooding.

These experimental products will be generated by participating coastal Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) when the National Hurricane Center (NHC) issues a tropical cyclone watch or warning for a WFO's area of forecast and warning responsibility. The potential impacts graphics are intended to answer a key question: "What should I prepare for?" The graphics, along with a description and static examples, will be posted online, no later than July 1, at:

<http://www.weather.gov/tcig/>

The default graphic will be in KML format displayed on an interactive Google Earth background map. A .png file will also be available. NetCDF and KML files for the four impact graphics will be available for download at the above web site.

The following WFOs (comprising all the coastal WFOs in Eastern and Southern Regions) will provide Experimental Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics:

Boston, Massachusetts (BOX)
Brownsville, Texas (BRO)
Caribou, Maine (CAR)
Charleston, South Carolina (CHS)
Corpus Christi, Texas (CRP)

Gray, Maine (GYX)
Houston, Texas (HGX)
Jacksonville, Florida (JAX)
Key West, Florida (KEY)
Lake Charles, Louisiana (LCH)
Melbourne, Florida (MLB)
Miami, Florida (MFL)
Mobile, Alabama (MOB)
Morehead City, North Carolina (MHX)
Mount Holly, New Jersey (PHI)
New Orleans, Louisiana (LIX)
San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)
Sterling, Virginia (LWX)
Tallahassee, Florida (TAE)
Tampa Bay, Florida (TBW)
Upton, New York (OKX)
Wakefield, Virginia (AKQ)
Wilmington, North Carolina (ILM)

Users are encouraged to provide feedback on these experimental products by using the brief survey and comment form available on line at:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=tcig>

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<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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