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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-27  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
435 PM EDT TUE APR 29 2003

TO FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM ROBERT E. LIVEZEY  
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SUBJECT ATLANTIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK TO BE ISSUED MAY 19 2003

THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ WILL ISSUE THE HURRICANE  
OUTLOOK FOR THE ATLANTIC BASIN ON MONDAY MAY 19 2003 AROUND  
100 P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME UNDER THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT  
IDENTIFIERS...

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THE OUTLOOK WILL ALSO BE ISSUED ON THE CPC WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER  
CASE LETTERS/

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.html>

THE OUTLOOK...VALID UNTIL NOVEMBER 30 2003...INCLUDES THE  
ATLANTIC...GULF OF MEXICO...AND CARRIBEAN. CPC ISSUES THIS  
OUTLOOK IN COOPERATION WITH THE NWS TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER AND  
NOAA/S HURRICANE RESEARCH DIVISION. THE OUTLOOK WILL BE UPDATED IN  
EARLY AUGUST 2003.

CPC WILL PROVIDE PROBABILITIES OF ABOVE NORMAL...NEAR NORMAL...AND  
BELOW NORMAL LEVELS OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE ACTIVITY. CPC USES  
A DEFINITION OF OVERALL ACTIVITY REFLECTING A COMBINATION OF  
FREQUENCY...INTENSITY...AND DURATION OF TROPICAL STORMS AND  
HURRICANES. THESE MEASURES OF OVERALL ACTIVITY ARE A MUCH BETTER  
INDICATOR THAN THE NUMBER OF TROPICAL STORMS OR HURRICANES ALONE.  
CPC PROVIDES AN ACCOMPANYING PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION DETAILING THE  
ATMOSPHERIC...OCEANIC...AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE LEVEL  
OF ACTIVITY. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT  
AT THE URL ADDRESS ABOVE.

THIS OUTLOOK REPRESENTS OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE EXPECTED OVERALL  
LEVEL OF ACTIVITY FOR THE ATLANTIC BASIN. NO OUTLOOK CAN GIVE  
CERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR LOCALITY WILL BE  
IMPACTED BY A HURRICANE IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. RESIDENTS AND  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF COASTAL OR NEAR-COASTAL REGIONS SHOULD

ALWAYS MAINTAIN HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS...REGARDLESS OF THE OVERALL OUTLOOK FOR A GIVEN YEAR.

FAR MORE DAMAGE CAN BE DONE BY ONE MAJOR HURRICANE HITTING A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA THAN BY SEVERAL HURRICANES HITTING SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS OR...OF COURSE...NOT MAKING LANDFALL AT ALL. BECAUSE OF THIS...HURRICANE-SPAWNED DISASTERS CAN OCCUR EVEN IN YEARS WITH NORMAL /OR BELOW-NORMAL/ LEVELS OF ACTIVITY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...CONTACT

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

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