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CHIEF...CLIMATE SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: EXPERIMENTAL EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK TO BE ISSUED JUNE 11 2003

THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ WILL ISSUE THE EXPERIMENTAL EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK /EAST OF 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE/ ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 2003 AROUND 1000 A.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME ON THE CPC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/EPAC HURR/INDEX.HTML

THE OUTLOOK IS VALID UNTIL NOVEMBER 30. CPC WILL ISSUE THIS EXPERIMENTAL OUTLOOK IN COOPERATION WITH THE NWS TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER AND NOAA/S HURRICANE RESEARCH DIVISION.

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 EASTERN PACIFIC 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.

DURING THIS EXPERIMENTAL PHASE...PLEASE SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS ON THIS PRODUCT TO:

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ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BEFORE THE PRODUCT IS UPGRADED TO OFFICIAL STATUS IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS.

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