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Subject:  Change to official name of issuing office in products from the National Hurricane Center: effective January 10, 2011

The NWS Tropical Prediction Center (TPC) has officially changed its name to the National Hurricane Center (NHC). Effective On January 10, 2011, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) this will be reflected in the Issuing Office Line of the Mass News Disseminator Header Block.

The following change to the Issuing Office Line for text products will occur:

    Current Issuing Office Line:
    NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL

    Issuing Office Line effective January 10, 2011 at 1200 UTC:
    NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL

    Products associated with a specific tropical cyclone will continue to be appended at the end of the Issuing Office Line with BBCCYYYY

    Where BB is AL (North Atlantic) or EP (East Pacific)
CC is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03, 49)
YYYY is the 4 digit year the tropical cyclone formed

A list of text products affected by the name change is
online at:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/nhc_name_change.php?large

References to TPC in any graphical products issued by the National Hurricane Center, Hydrometeorological Prediction Center Ocean Prediction Center, and the Weather Forecast Office Honolulu will also change from TPC to NHC.

There will be no changes to AWIPS identifiers and WMO product headings.

If you have questions about this change, please contact:

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