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Subject: Change of the Release Date of the Monthly El Nino
         /Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Diagnostics Discussion: Effective
         May 2015

The Climate Prediction Center will change the release date of
the monthly ENSO Diagnostics Discussion (EDD) effective May
2015. Currently, the EDD is normally released at 9:00 AM
Eastern Local Time (ELT) on the first Thursday after the first
Monday of each month. The new normal release date will be at
9:00 AM ELT on the second Thursday of the month (e.g., on May
14, 2015, instead of May 7, 2015).

The current early release date has resulted in the forecast team
relying on model forecasts that is often one month old. With
the development of the North American Multi-Model Ensemble
(NMME) System, forecasts for ENSO are now available from seven
different models by Day 6 of the month. Delaying the release of
the product by a few days ensures the forecast uses the latest
model data. The ENSO Diagnostics Discussion is available online at:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_a
dvisory/index.shtml

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