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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 7 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\\_advisory/index.shtml](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/index.shtml)

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