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Subject: Implementing enhanced Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal
 Bloom Bulletins and Conditions Reports Effective
 December 11, 2017

Effective Monday, December 11, 2017, at 8 am Eastern Standard Time (EST) or 1300 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), harmful algal bloom (HAB) forecast information provided by the Gulf of Mexico HAB Operational Forecast System (HAB-OFS) will be georeferenced in a geospatial PDF. The enhancement allows users to query interactive data layers and access the metadata associated with observations. This additional data can be used to better understand the location, impact and forecasts of a bloom.

Users can find a guide with instructions to use the geospatial PDF bulletin at:
<https://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx.html>

Starting on December 11, NOS will discontinue the current version of the HAB bulletin and conditions report. Users can access the new conditions reports, publically available for all areas within the Gulf of Mexico HAB-OFS responsibility, at <https://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx.html>

The new HAB bulletin is available to subscribers involved in *Karenia brevis* HAB event response or research. Bulletins are publically available 1-week after publication to subscribers.

For more information on HAB bulletins, refer to:
https://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab_info.html

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