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Subject: Experimental Hurricane Inundation Surge Height
Products will Transition to Operational and be
Available over the Satellite Broadcast Network and
NOAAPORT

Effective May 28, 2014, the experimental Probabilistic Hurricane Inundation Surge Height (also known as P-Surge above ground level) guidance, which incorporates tide will become operational and be made available over the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) and NOAAPORT.

The Probabilistic Hurricane Inundation Surge Height guidance consists of two suites of products for the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coastal areas:

- a) Probabilities, in percent, of inundation exceeding 0 through 20 feet above ground level, at 1 foot intervals (e.g., the probabilities in percent of inundation exceeding 0, 1, 2, ..., 20 feet).
- b) Heights, above ground level, that are exceeded by specific probabilities ranging from 10 to 50 percent at 10 percent intervals.

Each of the probabilistic products mentioned will be provided out to 78 hours as a cumulative probability, defined as the overall probability the event will occur at each grid cell from the start of the run until some specified time (e.g. 0-6 hours, 0-12, 0-18, etc.) and as an incremental probability, defined as the probability the event will occur sometime during the specified forecast period (e.g. 0-6 hours, 6-12, 12-18, etc.) at each grid cell.

The products are based on an ensemble of Sea, Lake, and Overland Surge from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model runs using the National Hurricane Center (NHC) official advisory and account for track, size, and intensity errors based on historic errors.

The products will be generated when hurricane watches and/or warnings are in effect for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the continental United States and on a case-by-case basis for tropical storms.

The products will be available over SBN and NOAAPORT in GRIB2 format. A complete list of WMO Headers can be found online at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/mc/psurge_abvground.pdf

Graphical versions of the products will be posted online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/psurge2.0/>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

Only the cumulative above ground level probability products from 0-78 hours, which will replace the current above datum products, will be available. There will likely be no timing component (e.g. 0-6 hours, 0-12, 0-18, etc.), however this could change if resources become available.

ESRI shape files and KMZ formats will be available for download from the above websites. GRIB2 files will be available on the first website.

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