

AVMA Disaster Situation Report

Date: 8/28/06

Event: Tropical Storm Ernesto

Situation: VMAT alerted on Saturday, Pre-staged in Southeast U.S. on 8/28/06

VMAT-3: 24 members to be pre-staged in Dothan, Alabama today, Monday August 28th. VMAT-3 will be staged with a National Disaster Medical System strike team to assess total medical needs, including veterinary, if Ernesto impacts the United States.

VMAT-5: 22 members have been pre-staged in Atlanta, GA in anticipation of Ernesto's landfall. No additional orders/missions have been assigned to VMAT-5 at this time.

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BULLETIN

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY NUMBER 15A

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800 AM EDT MON AUG 28 2006

...ERNESTO MOVING ONSHORE OVER SOUTHEASTERN CUBA.....HEAVY RAINS...FLOODS...AND MUD SLIDES STILL A SIGNIFICANT THREAT FOR HISPANIOLA AND EASTERN CUBA...

A HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA OF FLORIDA FROM DEERFIELD BEACH SOUTHWARD ON THE EAST COAST...AND FROM SOUTH OF CHOKOLOSKEE SOUTHWARD ALONG THE WEST COAST. A HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR ALL OF THE FLORIDA KEYS...FROM OCEAN REEF TO THE DRY TORTUGAS. A HURRICANE WATCH IS ALSO IN EFFECT FOR ANDROS ISLAND IN THE NORTHWESTERN BAHAMAS. A HURRICANE WATCH MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE WATCH AREA...GENERALLY WITHIN 36 HOURS.

ADDITIONAL HURRICANE WATCHES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA PENINSULA LATER TODAY.

AT 8 AM EDT...1200 UTC...THE HURRICANE WARNINGS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN PENINSULA OF HAITI ARE DISCONTINUED.

A HURRICANE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE CUBAN PROVINCES OF GUANTANAMO...SANTIAGO DE CUBA...GRANMA... HOLGUIN...LAS TUNAS...AND CAMAGUEY. A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR RAGGED ISLAND AND GREAT EXUMA IN THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS. A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

INTERESTS ELSEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHWESTERN BAHAMAS SHOULD MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF ERNESTO.

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE.

AT 800 AM EDT...1200Z...THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 19.9 NORTH...LONGITUDE 75.5 WEST. THIS POSITION IS ON THE COAST OF SOUTHEASTERN CUBA ABOUT 20 MILES...30 KM...WEST OF GUANTANAMO.

ERNESTO IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST NEAR 12 MPH...19 KM/HR...AND THIS GENERAL MOTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT 24 HOURS. ON THE FORECAST TRACK...ERNESTO WILL BE MOVING OVER EASTERN CUBA TODAY...AND POSSIBLY EMERGE OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF CUBA LATER TONIGHT OR TUESDAY MORNING.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE DECREASED TO NEAR 45 MPH...75 KM/HR...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. ADDITIONAL WEAKENING IS LIKELY AS ERNESTO MOVES OVER LAND TODAY.

TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 70 MILES...110 KM FROM THE CENTER.

THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1005 MB...29.68 INCHES.

STORM TIDES AND WAVES SHOULD GRADUALLY DIMINISH ALONG THE SOUTHERN COAST OF EASTERN CUBA TODAY.

RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 6 TO 12 INCHES...WITH POSSIBLE ISOLATED AMOUNTS OF UP TO 20 INCHES...ARE EXPECTED OVER PORTIONS OF HISPANIOLA AND CENTRAL AND EASTERN CUBA. THESE RAINS COULD CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING FLASH FLOODS AND MUD SLIDES. RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 2 TO 4 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE ACROSS THE SOUTHERN BAHAMAS.

REPEATING THE 800 AM EDT POSITION...19.9 N...75.5 W. MOVEMENT TOWARD...NORTHWEST NEAR 12 MPH. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...45 MPH. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...1005 MB.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER AT 1100 AM EDT.

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