

TROPICAL UPDATE 8 AM EDT Saturday, August 29, 2015 Remnants of Erika

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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Satellite Image of the Remnants of Erika





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Water Vapor Satellite Image



5 AM ED T Sat Aug 29 2015 Position 19 1 N 75 1 W Maximum Winds 40 mph Gusts 50 mph Movement WNW at 19 mph Minimum Pressure 1 008 mb (29.76 in ches); -

Satellite 11:03 AM UTC 7:03 AM EDT

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Steering Currents – Low Levels



Steering Currents – Upper Levels



Sea Surface Temperatures Near T.S. Erika



Current Wind Shear (shaded) and Shear Tendency (contours)



Forecast Wind Shear-Sunday Night





Remnants of ERIKA Model Intensity Guidance





Tropical Storm Force Wind Speed Probabilities For the 120 hours (5 days) from 2 AM EDT Sat Aug 29 to 2 AM EDT Thu Sep 3





<u>Ś% 10%</u>	20%	30%	4.0%	56%	6.0%	20%	80%	9.0%	100%

Forecast 7 Day Rainfall Totals



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Outlook:

- As of 8AM EDT, the center of Tropical Storm Erika was located just north of eastern Cuba, or about 445 miles southeast of Miami.
- Erika is becoming even more disorganized, as the center has broken away from the main body of convection, which is currently just south of eastern Cuba.
- As of 9:30AM EDT, The National Hurricane Center has dissipated Erika into a trough of low pressure .
- Erika was a very weak tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, but a flight into the storm by the Air Force Hurricane Hunters has determined that tropical storm force winds are no longer present.
- A tropical weather outlook will be issued at that time to determine the chances of any regeneration of the remnants of Erika.
- If the remnants or Erika move into the Gulf, they will encounter warmer ocean waters and more moist air, however, the wind shear is even higher in this area, and will likely prevent the remnants from becoming very well organized.
- Although Erika is no longer a tropical storm, it is important to stay vigilant to the threats that still exist with the remnants, such as flooding and deadly rip currents.
- Elsewhere in the tropics, Invest 99L is a wave that is expected to emerge off the African West Coast later today, and the National Hurricane Center has given it a high (70%) chance of formation over the next 5 days.
- The next name on the hurricane list is Fred.

Florida Outlook:

- Although Erika is no longer a tropical storm, the remnants could still pose a threat to Florida.
- If the remnants of Erika continue on the current forecast track, the western half of the Peninsula could still receive several inches of rain.
- The flooding threat is still on the table, and if the remnants dump more than a couple inches over already saturated areas like West Central Florida, it will exacerbate flood conditions that are already present.
- If the remnants of Erika move into the Panhandle, flooding of smaller creeks, streams, urban and low-lying areas could occur.
- Rip currents will also be a concern if the remnants move northward through the western Gulf of Mexico.
- The remnants could cause elevated wave heights that arrive well before the rain , and remain for a time after the rain has passed.



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