

TROPICAL UPDATE

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Thursday, August 30, 2018 Potential Tropical Cyclone Six (90%), Caribbean Tropical Wave (10%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image



Steering Currents



Wind Shear (shaded) and Wind Shear Tendencies (contoured)



Water Temperatures

CDAS Sea Surface Temperature (°C)

Analysis Time: 06z Aug 30 2018

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Current Satellite – Potential Tropical Cyclone #6



A robust tropical wave is now offshore of Africa. Since this system has a high chance of development and will produce tropical storm force winds over the Cabo Verde Islands, the NHC has declared this "Potential Tropical Cyclone #6." It has a 90% chance of becoming a full-fledged tropical depression or tropical storm during the next 5 days.



Spaghetti Models (PTC #6)

Potential Tropical Cyclone SIX Model Track Guidance



PTC #6 will move generally west or west-northwest over the coming days. It will eventually curve to the northwest and north in the central Atlantic, well before reaching the Lesser Antilles.

Intensity Models (PTC #6)



Potential Tropical Cyclone SIX Model Intensity Guidance

As PTC #6 continues over and away from the Cabo Verde Islands, strengthening is expected. PTC #6 will likely strengthen into a tropical storm in 24-36 hours, then possibly into a hurricane in 3-4 days.

Current Satellite – Caribbean Tropical Wave



A weak and disorganized tropical wave is moving over Puerto Rico and Hispaniola today. It will continue moving to the west or west-northwest over the coming days. Development is not expected for the next few days. However, conditions might become slightly more favorable for possible development in the eastern or central Gulf of Mexico early next week.



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Caribbean Tropical Wave (10%)



The tropical wave currently a few hundred miles east of Puerto Rico will move quickly to the west-northwest over the coming days into next week. Development is not expected over the next few days. However, conditions may become slightly more favorable for possible development next week in the eastern and central Gulf of Mexico. Development chances from NHC are only at 10% through the next 5 days.



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Rainfall will be the primary impact from this wave, regardless of any development. Rainfall totals of 2-4 inches widespread are possible through the next 7 days. However, isolated locations may receive 6-8 inches. Rainfall totals will ultimately depend on future track and intensity.

Summary

- Potential Tropical Cyclone #6 (PTC #6) has moved just offshore of the west coast of Africa today.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 30 mph, and strengthening is forecast through the next several days.
- PTC #6 has a high chance (90%) of becoming a full-fledged tropical depression or tropical storm over the next several days.
- After brushing the Cabo Verde islands, this system will move to the northwest into the open waters of the Central Atlantic and have no impact on land.
- The next name on the list is Florence.
- A tropical wave near Hispaniola and Puerto Rico is producing disorganized cloudiness and thunderstorms.
- This tropical wave is currently weak and disorganized but will continue west-northwest or northwest towards the Gulf of Mexico.
- Development is not expected to occur in the Caribbean or western Atlantic, but environmental conditions might become slightly more favorable for possible development in the eastern Gulf of Mexico next week.
- The National Hurricane Center expects no development over the next 2 days. Development chances in 3-5 days are only at 10%.
- No additional tropical cyclone development is expected in the Atlantic basin through the next five days, but additional tropical waves are forecast to emerge off the west Africa coast in the 6-10 day timeframe.

Florida Outlook:

- No impacts to Florida or the Caribbean islands are expected from Potential Tropical Cyclone #6.
- The tropical wave near Hispaniola and Puerto Rico may bring increased rain chances early next week to the Peninsula and possibly to the rest of the state through the middle of next week. Regardless of development, locally heavy rainfall will be the main impact from this system.
- Rainfall totals will depend on the exact track and strength of this wave, but most areas should receive 2-4" of rain over the next 5-7 days with isolated higher amounts.
- 4 West-Central Florida rivers remain in minor flood stage, and many rivers across the state are elevated due to recent rainfall.
- This wave will continue to be monitored.

Another briefing packet will be sent out tomorrow. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov.</u>



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