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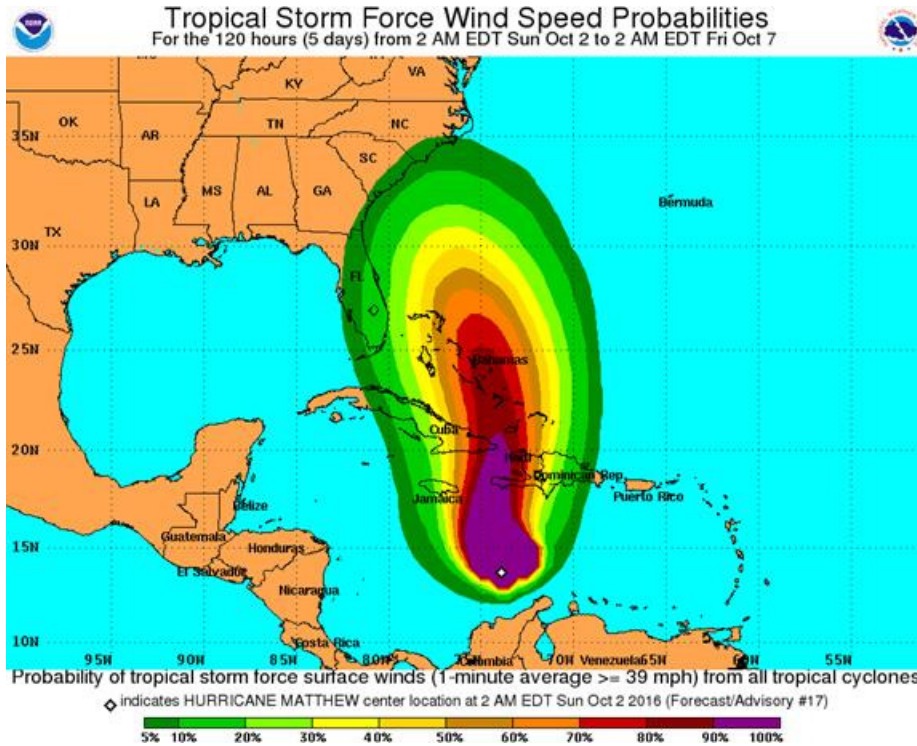
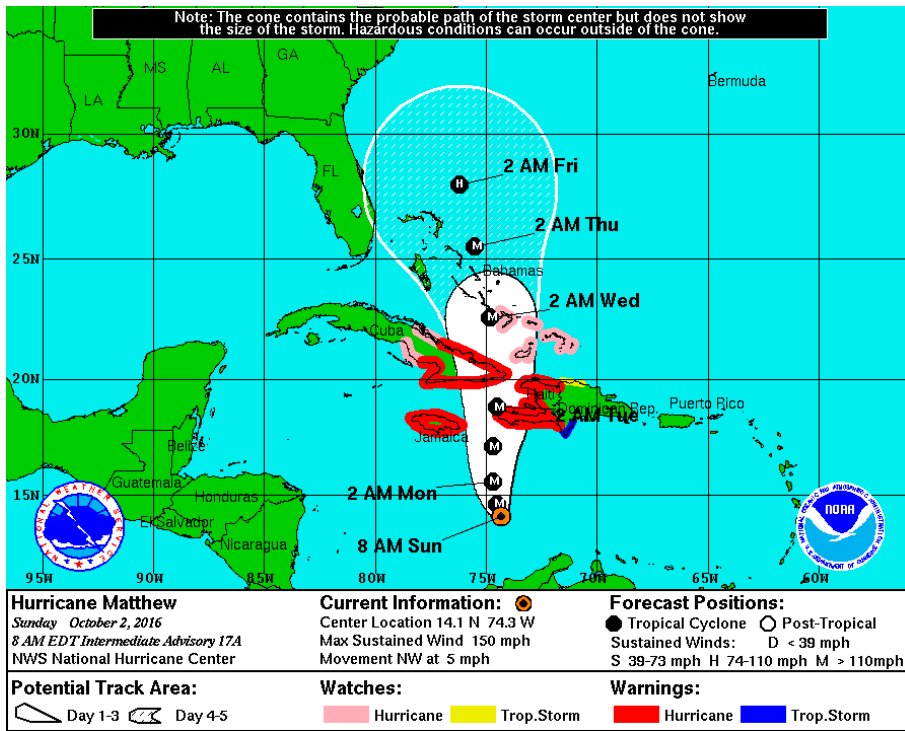
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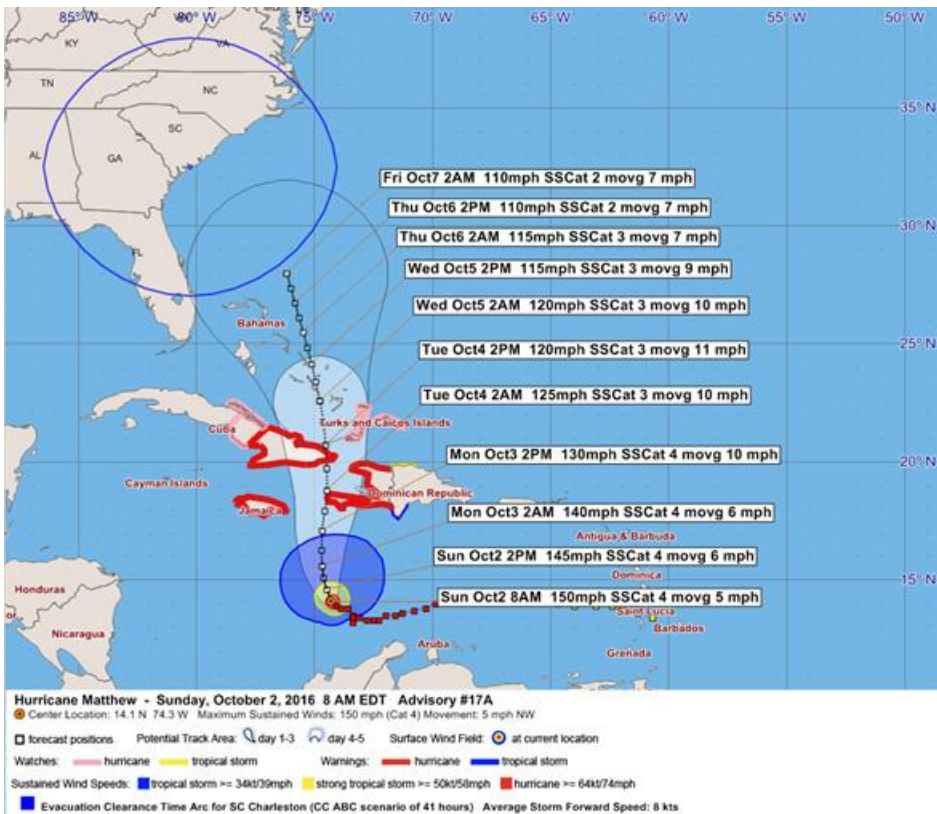
Horry County has moved to OPCON 4 in response to Hurricane Mathew. We will be closely monitoring Mathew as it begins moving towards the north later today. The current NHC forecast has Hurricane Mathew off the coast of Florida on Friday morning and heading in our general direction (first graphic). We currently have a 5-10% chance of experiencing tropical storm force winds (second graphic). There is still a significant amount of uncertainty in the forecast track for Mathew after 72 hours from now. Because of this uncertainty, it is prudent that we begin to plan for possible impacts to Horry County which based on current forecast information include tropical storm force winds that may begin to reach us later in the week. In the last graphic, the blue shaded area around Mathew represents the tropical storm force winds which are extending out about 200 miles from the center. Remember the 5 day forecast track graphic only represents the possible location of the center of circulation of Mathew. Since the media and other outlets usually only use the forecast track map as a reference, it is very easy to forget what the wind field impacts could be and how far out from the center that the tropical storm force wind may extend.

We are participating in SCEMD conference calls with state agencies and all SC coastal counties. Due to the uncertainty with the NHC forecast after 72 hours, there is not a clear path forward with regards to future actions on the local level so we need to plan for all possible impacts which may include a coastal evacuation later this week. We have a few more NHC forecasts to work with before any final decisions must be made.

For now, you can expect another update either later this evening or in the morning. I would suggest taking a look at your hurricane response plans and be ready to implement those plans in the days ahead.

If you have any questions, please let me know.





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