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Good Morning All

Horry County remains at OPGON 4 and all of coastal SC is now within the 5 day error cone.

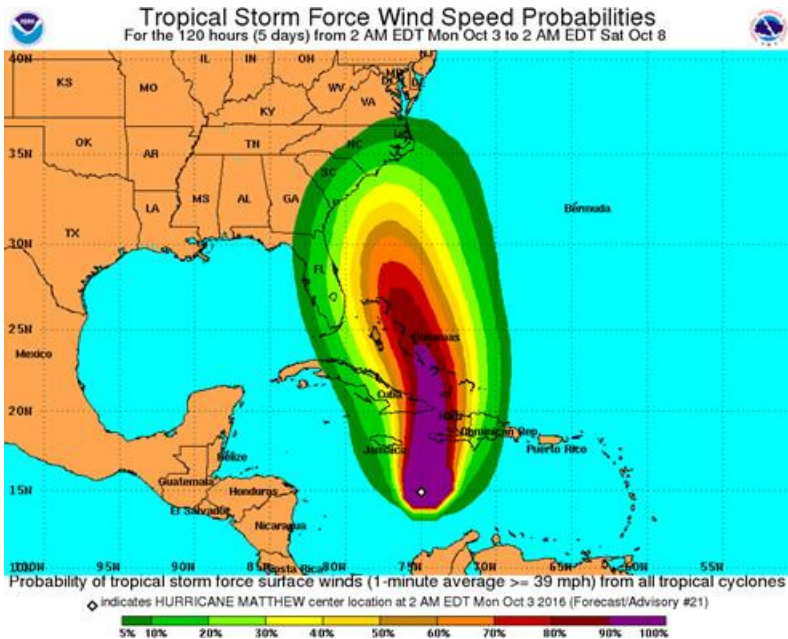
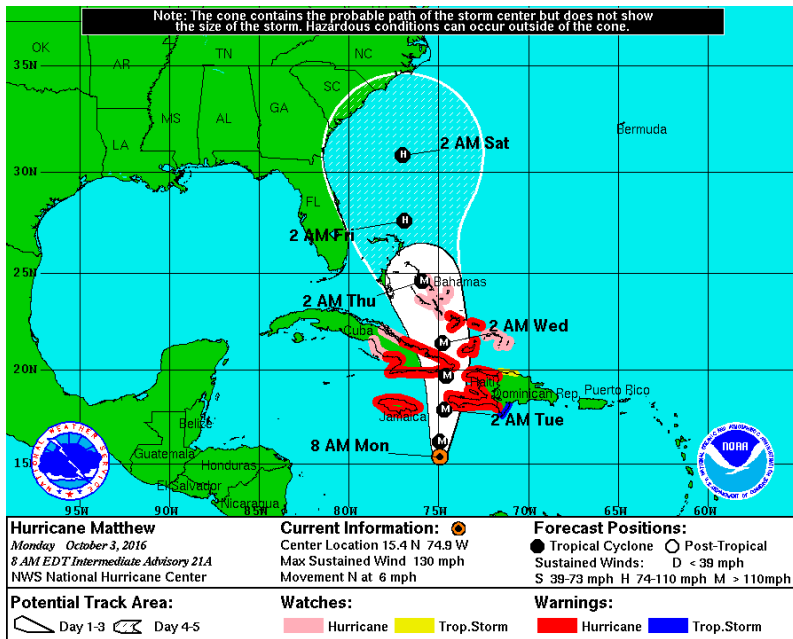
Hurricane Mathew is moving north. Models are still not in best agreement after 72 hours so we need to continue to watch and prepare for all possible impacts. Currently, as Mathew moves across the Bahamas, it is forecast to be a strong Cat 2 storm. In discussions with the NHC and SCEMD this morning, there is the potential for it to be stronger after passing through the Bahamas but we will have to wait and see for now. We may start seeing impacts on Saturday depending on the actual size of the wind field. We will also see significant surf impacts with storm surge predictions at this point of 4-6 feet along Horry County beaches. Due to the impacts from the October storm, the beach is very vulnerable and there will be higher impacts from the surge.

Planning Issues:

Due to the forecast uncertainties, we need to be planning for impacts along Zone A for this storm. We are planning for the **POSSIBILITY** of the Governor issuing a mandatory evacuation of Zone A later this week. This is **NOT** set in stone and may change as the forecast models become in better agreement and timing becomes clearer. To support that order, should that take place, we will need to activate the EOC later this week. I will provide additional guidance on any activations/evacuations once I am certain.

Right now EMD staff continues to monitor Hurricane Mathew and we will be participating in additional State coordination calls.

You can expect another update in the morning unless conditions warrant an earlier brief.



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