



MEDIA ADVISORY: New Hampshire State Climatologist Available To Discuss 2006 Hurricane Season Predictions

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David Brown, New Hampshire State Climatologist and assistant professor of geography at the University of New Hampshire, is available to comment on The National Hurricane Center's predictions for the 2006 hurricane season. The Miami-based center is scheduled to release its 2006 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook at 11 a.m., Monday, May 22, 2006.

In particular, Brown can discuss whether New England is more at risk of being struck by a major hurricane this year, as predicted by AccuWeather.com. He also can provide expert comment about the hurricane season in general and factors that may be contributing to more active seasons. Brown is recognized as the New Hampshire State Climatologist by the American Association of State Climatologists and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

AccuWeather.com has predicted six tropical storms will make landfall this year, with five of the storms likely to be major hurricanes. William Gray of Colorado State University predicts 17 tropical storms, nine strengthening to hurricane status and five becoming major hurricanes with sustained winds of 111 mph or higher.

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