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Subject: Transition of National Hurricane Center Audio Briefings from
Experimental to Operational: Effective June 1, 2013

Effective June 1, 2013, the Audio Briefings produced by the National
Hurricane Center (NHC) will transition from experimental to operational.

In an effort to provide users with additional information to enhance
planning and preparedness decisions, NHC will provide Audio Briefings
(also called podcasts), when the media pool is activated by the NHC Public
Affairs Officer. In general, the media pool is activated by NHC when a
hurricane watch is initiated for a portion of the United States coastline.
The audio briefings will provide the latest information regarding the
hurricane threat and its expected impacts.

The Audio Briefings will be provided in mp3 format, an industry standard
that allows products to be posted online. Links to mp3 files will be
provided with ExTensible Markup Language (XML)/Really Simple Syndication
(RSS) technology.

To subscribe to a podcast, a user would access the XML/RSS file using
podcasting software. This software is widely available on the Internet.
Once subscribed to the RSS feed, the podcasting software will periodically
check for new audio files and downloads them to the user's computer or mp3
player.

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