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Date: September 03, 2010

As of **2:00 pm** today, the Newport Emergency Management Team is publishing the following update on the status of Hurricane Earl.

The Newport Police will be closing the gates on both ends of Hazard Road today (09/03/10) at 4:00 pm until 8:00 am on Saturday morning due to impending flooding.

Easton's Beach is closed to the public today.

The Public should be warned today to be extremely cautious of the dangerous surf and wave conditions, which will be present at the shorelines for the entire weekend. The large waves can easily surprise an onlooker who is too close, and will sweep them out into the surf. Dangerous rip tides will exist at all of the beaches and waterways for the next few days. Many areas will be deemed off limits due to these dangerous conditions. Areas of extreme danger will be the Ocean Drive and the Cliff Walk.

We would like to caution the public not to become complacent, even though Hurricane Earl is diminishing in strength and size, this is still a large and dangerous storm. All residents are urged to stay tuned to local television and radio stations over the next 24 hours for any changes in the track of the hurricane, which would bring it closer to Rhode Island.

We are asking all residents to stay inside and off the city streets during the storm, and to only venture outside after the storm, when conditions are safe.

Hurricane Earl Intermediate Advisory #37A

AT 200 PM EDT...1800 UTC...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE EARL WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 37.5 NORTH...LONGITUDE 72.5 WEST. EARL IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH-NORTHEAST NEAR 21 MPH...33 KM/HR. AN INCREASE IN FORWARD SPEED AND A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHEAST ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 TO 24 HOURS. ON THE FORECAST TRACK WILL BE VERY NEAR OR JUST EAST OF CAPE COD TONIGHT AND ON THE COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA ON SATURDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE DECREASED TO NEAR 80 MPH...130 KM/HR...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. EARL IS A CATEGORY ONE HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE. WEAKENING IS FORECAST...BUT EARL IS EXPECTED REMAIN A LARGE TROPICAL CYCLONE AS IT APPROACHES SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 70 MILES...110 KM...FROM THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 205 MILES...335 KM.



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LATEST MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE REPORTED BY AN AIR FORCE PLANE WAS
961 MB...28.38 INCHES.

HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

WINDS...TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS COULD STILL OCCUR ALONG THE COAST
FROM VIRGINIA NORTHWARD AND REACH SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND LATER
TONIGHT. ON THE FORECAST TRACK...MOST OF THE HURRICANE FORCE WINDS
WILL REMAIN OFFSHORE OF CAPE COD...HOWEVER ONLY A SMALL DEVIATION
TO THE LEFT WOULD BRING HURRICANE CONDITIONS TO THE HURRICANE
WARNING AREA.

STORM SURGE...A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS
MUCH AS 2 TO 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WITHIN THE TROPICAL STORM
WARNING AREA OVER NORTH CAROLINA...AS WELL AS IN THE LOWER
CHESAPEAKE BAY. STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 2
TO 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WITHIN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA OVER
MASSACHUSETTS. ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE TROPICAL STORM WARNING
AREA...STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 1 TO 3
FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL. NEAR THE COAST...THE SURGE WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND DESTRUCTIVE WAVES.

RAINFALL...EARL IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL INCH OR SO OF
RAINFALL...WITH ISOLATED STORM TOTALS OF 5 INCHES OVER
PORTIONS OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA INCLUDING THE OUTER BANKS.
ACCUMULATIONS OF 1 TO 3 INCHES...WITH ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF 5
INCHES...ARE POSSIBLE OVER SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND. ACCUMULATIONS
OF 1 TO 2 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE OVER COASTAL PORTIONS OF
VIRGINIA...MARYLAND AND DELAWARE AND ALSO ACROSS CENTRAL AND
COASTAL MAINE.

SURF...LARGE SWELLS FROM EARL WILL CONTINUE TO AFFECT THE EAST COAST
OF THE UNITED STATES TODAY. THESE SWELLS WILL LIKELY CAUSE DANGEROUS
SURF CONDITIONS AND RIP CURRENTS.
NEXT ADVISORY

NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY...500 PM EDT.

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