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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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SUBJECT: 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Forecast and Seasonal Outlook

1. Purpose. To ensure that the Job Corps community is prepared for the 2009 hurricane season.

2. Background. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center (CPC), the Atlantic hurricane season, which begins June 1 and runs through November 30, is expected to be fairly normal this year. The 2009 outlook indicates a 70% chance of 9-14 named storms, 4-7 hurricanes, and 1-3 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale). Noted Colorado State University hurricane forecasters Dr. William Gray and Dr. Phillip Klotzbach have made similar predictions. The Job Corps community should take action now to ensure that centers are prepared for hurricanes.

3. Action. Job Corps centers in coastal states are required to maintain emergency response plans that include procedures for managing operations during a hurricane. Center operators, center directors, and safety officers should review existing plans to ensure that procedures are in place to address:
 - a. pre-hurricane preparations;
 - b. shelter-in-place;
 - c. center evacuation and closure;
 - d. state and local emergency response procedures; and
 - e. post-hurricane recovery.

The following Web sites provide information that will enable centers and the greater Job Corps community to prepare for hurricanes:

- a. NOAA/National Weather Service-Climate Prediction Center, 2009 Hurricane Outlook, <http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml>
 - b. Dr. Gray and Dr. Klotzbach Extended Atlantic Hurricane Forecast, <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts/2009/april2009/apr2009.pdf>
 - c. National Hurricane Center, http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml
 - d. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>
 - e. American Red Cross, <http://www.redcross.org/>
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