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Hurricane Season Has Begun!

Each year, the ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) publishes an OSH Circular to raise the consciousness of our labor and management constituents with regard to heavy weather considerations that can greatly impact our operations and our lives.

As the recent press release from NOAA (see below) predicts “[a]n **above normal 2020 Atlantic hurricane season...**”, and the JSC would like you to be aware of that and to plan accordingly.



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Busy Atlantic hurricane season predicted for 2020

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May 21, 2020 — An above-normal 2020 Atlantic hurricane season is expected, according to forecasters with NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service. The outlook predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season and only a 10% chance of a below-normal season. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

In administration, it’s important to know what sort of plan needs to be implemented. Many terminal operators have devised their own hurricane/heavy weather plans. Many have also relied upon the mandatory plans administered on a sector-by-sector (port-by-port) basis by the U.S. Coast Guard. Either way (or in combination) knowing what the plan(s) consist of and adhering to their contents is critical for your safety

For those relying upon the U.S. Coast Guard’s mandatory plans, we provide a link to them here: [Port-By-Port USCG Heavy Weather Contingency Plans](#)

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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