

Segmented Hurricane Local Statement (HLS)

The HLS is issued by Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) and it will be a segmented product beginning with the 2008 hurricane season. The number of segments will vary depending upon the geographic area impacted and the tropical cyclone watches and warnings in effect. The segmented HLS will contain tropical cyclone watches and warnings for the coastal marine zones, coastal land zones, and the inland zones. The VTEC phenomena codes which will be used are:

EVENT NAME	PHENOMENA CODE
TROPICAL STORM	TR
HURRICANE	HU
TROPICAL STORM WIND	TI
HURRICANE WIND	HI
TYPHOON	TY

The Event Tracking Numbers (ETN) found in a multiple segmented HLS can be confusing depending on the complexity of events. The ETNs for the coastal marine zones and the inland zones are assigned by each WFO. These WFO issued ETNs may not always be the same.

The ETN for the coastal land zones is assigned through the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning (TCV) product. Thus the TCV ETN and the coastal land zone ETN in the HLS will match; however, coastal land zones ETN may differ from inland/marine zones ETN.

Within each segment, WFOs have the option of including or excluding predefined section headlines and text. These are the same section headlines used in 2007 for the free form HLS. There are no changes in the use of the section headlines for 2008.

Those section headlines are:

...New Information...

Specific new and vital information.

...Areas Affected...

Details of which counties, parishes, or cities are included in the HLS.

...Watches/Warnings...

Watches and warnings in effect and counties or parishes to which they apply.

...Storm Information...

Present location, movement, and winds.

...Precautionary/Preparedness Actions...

Short-term precautionary actions and times they should be completed. This includes any evacuation recommendations as provided or stated by state and/or local authorities.

...Storm Surge and Storm Tide...

Storm surge and storm tide (storm surge plus astronomical tide) information, including times various heights are expected, present heights, and their locations.

...Winds...

Expected time of onset of tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon force winds.

...Probability of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Conditions...

Probabilistic information.

...Inland Flooding...

...Tornadoes...

...(Non-specific section header - Substitute appropriate header)...

...Next Update...

Time of next or final statement.

Example

(This example is for illustrative purposes only and the geographical representations may not be exact.)

WTUS82 KTBW 251748
HLSTBW

URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED
HURRICANE FOX LOCAL STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY RUSKIN FL
148 PM EDT TUE SEP 25 2007

...OVERVIEW HEADLINE... (optional)

.OVERVIEW (optional)

GMZ850-870-260000-
/O.NEW.KTBW.HU.W.0002.070925T1748Z-000000T0000Z/
COASTAL WATERS FROM TARPON SPRINGS TO SUWANNEE RIVER FL OUT 20 NM-
WATERS FROM TARPON SPRINGS TO SUWANNEE RIVER FL OUT 20 TO 60 NM-
148 PM EDT TUE SEP 25 2007

...HURRICANE WARNING IN EFFECT...

...NEW INFORMATION...
(TEXT)

...AREAS AFFECTED...
(TEXT)

ETC...

...NEXT UPDATE...
(TEXT)

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FLZ039-042-048-049-260000-
/O.NEW.KTBW.HU.W.1006.070925T1748Z-000000T0000Z/
LEVY-CITRUS-HERNANDO-PASCO-
148 PM EDT TUE SEP 25 2007

...HURRICANE WARNING IN EFFECT...

...NEW INFORMATION...
(TEXT)

...AREAS AFFECTED...
(TEXT)

ETC...

...NEXT UPDATE...
(TEXT)

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FLZ043-260000-
/O.NEW.KTBW.TI.W.0002.070925T1748Z-070926T0000Z/
SUMTER-
148 PM EDT TUE SEP 25 2007

...TROPICAL STORM WIND WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 PM EDT THIS
EVENING...

...NEW INFORMATION...
(TEXT)

...AREAS AFFECTED...
(TEXT)

ETC...

...NEXT UPDATE...
(TEXT)

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