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ALERT #11 ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 11:00 AM EST, TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

...NICOLE IS NOW A TROPICAL STORM...

...WEATHER CONDITIONS BEGINNING TO DETERIORATE WITH LIFE-THREATENING SEA CONDITIONS IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...

A HURRICANE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI, AND THE BERRY ISLANDS.

A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS COULD BE EXPERIENCED THE ABOVE MENTIONED ISLANDS WITHIN 36 HOURS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE ISLANDS OF ELEUTHERA, NEW PROVIDENCE AND ANDROS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS COULD BE EXPERIENCED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED ISLANDS WITHIN 36 HOURS.

AT 10:00 AM EST, THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 27.8° DEGREES NORTH AND LONGITUDE 72.7° DEGREES WEST, OR ABOUT:

**275 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF HOPE TOWN, ABACO
325 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF EAST END, GRAND BAHAMA
280 MILES NORTHEAST OF GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR, ELEUTHERA
340 MILES NORTHEAST OF NEW PROVIDENCE
AND 375 MILES NORTHEAST OF NICHOLLS TOWN, ANDROS.**

NICOLE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NEAR 9 MPH. A WEST AND WEST-SOUTHWEST MOTION SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY. A WEST-NORTHWEST MOTION IS FORECAST TO BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AND NORTH-NORTHWEST ON THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT.

ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER OF NICOLE WILL APPROACH THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS TODAY AND TONIGHT, MOVE NEAR OR OVER THOSE ISLANDS ON WEDNESDAY, AND APPROACH THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 50 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. STRENGTHENING IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 36 TO 48 HOURS, AND NICOLE IS FORECAST TO BE NEAR OR AT HURRICANE STRENGTH BY WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHILE IT IS MOVING NEAR THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS.

TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 380 MILES FROM THE CENTER.

STORM SURGE COULD RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL TIDE LEVELS ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS.

LARGE SWELLS GENERATED BY NICOLE WILL AFFECT THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. THESE SWELLS ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING SURF AND RIP CURRENT CONDITIONS.

NICOLE IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 3 TO 5 INCHES WITH LOCALIZED HIGHER AMOUNTS OF UP TO 7 INCHES ACROSS THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS TODAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

THE FORMATION OF WATERSPOUTS AND TORNADOS ARE POSSIBLE DURING THE PASSAGE OF NICOLE THROUGH THE BAHAMAS.

PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION. BOATERS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT OR MOVE VESSELS TO SAFE HARBOUR.

RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS SHOULD PREPARE FOR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS BEGINNING TONIGHT. RESIDENTS ON THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI AND THE BERRY ISLANDS SHOULD ANTICIPATE HURRICANE CONDITIONS BEGINNING EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

INTERESTS IN THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF NICOLE.

THE NEXT ALERT ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WILL BE ISSUED AT 2PM EST, TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

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