



MEDIA ADVISORY - TELEVISION POOL OPERATION TO OPEN

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NOAA Activates Hurricane Information Network *Hurricane Experts Available for Media Interviews*

With Hurricane Irene expected to impact portions of the U.S. East Coast, NOAA has established the hurricane information network for news media. NOAA experts will be available to comment on Hurricane Irene as well as hurricane forecasting and research.

Television Media Pool – National television media and *affiliates located in the watch/warning areas* may contact their affiliate news service to schedule live interviews with NOAA National Hurricane Center forecasters. Pool producers may also be reached at the NHC during pool operations after 6 a.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 25, through Irene's landfall.

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Additional NOAA resources:

- NOAA National Weather Service (forecasts up to and through landfall) – Chris Vaccaro: 301-713-0622, cellular: 202-536-8911 -or- Susan Buchanan: 301-713-0622, cellular: 202-834-5235. Forecasts online at www.weather.gov
- NOAA satellite imagery – John Leslie: 301-713-0214, cellular: 202-527-3504; Images online at www.nnvl.noaa.gov
- NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (Hurricane Hunters) – David Miller: 202-482-0013, cellular: 202-329-4030
- NOAA Office of Atmospheric Research – Jana Goldman: 301-734-1123, cellular: 202-365-6068

The National Hurricane Center will offer on its website - www.hurricanes.gov - an experimental audio feed or podcast while the pool is in operation. The podcast is planned to be issued every hour during a landfall event along the U.S. coast, containing the latest storm information. In addition, NHC will offer an experimental on-line audio & video feed of the generic hurricane broadcast at the top of the hour.

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