

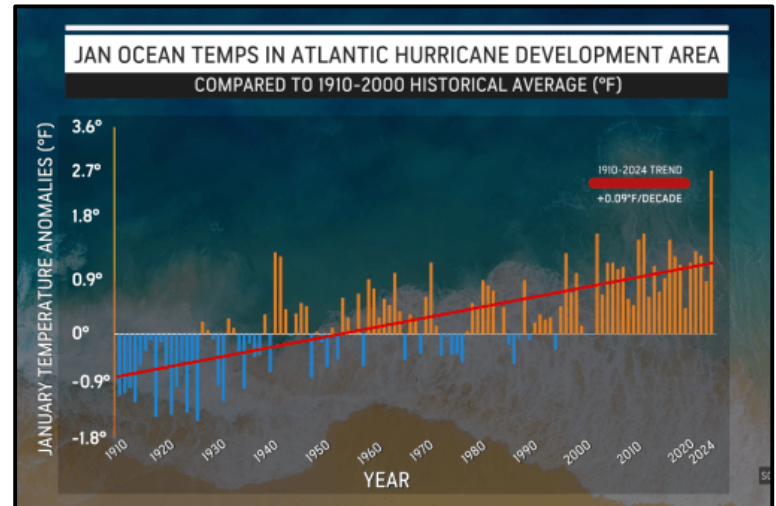
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 22, 2024

2024 Hurricane Season

- While the Atlantic hurricane season does not officially start until June 1, there are already “serious and growing concerns” about the impending season, AccuWeather Chief Meteorologist Jonathan Porter said.
- There are two key factors that have AccuWeather forecasters sounding the early warning of a potentially super-charged season: The return of La Niña and historically warm water across the Atlantic Ocean.
- “The current El Niño pattern that is in place is forecast to transition into a La Niña pattern during the second half of the hurricane season,” Porter explained. La Niña typically leads to more tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic due to reduced wind shear, or disruptive winds high in the atmosphere.
- It could be a back-loaded season in 2024, as La Niña might not officially develop until late summer or early autumn. “The second half of the hurricane season is likely to be very active, as conditions will be more favorable for tropical systems,” AccuWeather Long-Range Expert Paul Pastelok said.
- The timing of the onset of La Niña could also dictate whether this upcoming season will be similar to the 2020 season, or if the number of tropical systems will fall short of historic levels.
- Warm water is the fuel for hurricanes, and all signs are pointing toward potentially record-shattering warmth across the Atlantic hurricane basin during the summer and fall.
- As of mid-February, the water temperatures across the Atlantic were at the same level where they typically are in mid-July and the temperatures may only rise as the days get longer and heat builds across the Northern Hemisphere heading into spring and summer.
- The combination of building La Niña and historically warm water will lay the groundwork for a blockbuster season.
- “We expect that the Gulf Coast, especially the Texas coast, will be at a higher risk for direct impacts from a tropical system this year,” Pastelok added.
- AccuWeather will release its full 2024 Atlantic hurricane season forecast to business customers and the public in March.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CA	Atmospheric Rivers Jan 31 - Feb 7	6	4	2/13-TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties
CA*	Severe Storms & Flooding Jan 21-23	2/7/2024	Approved	1 County

*Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	90	2/9/2024
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	9	4/8/2024

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