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Come spend Hurricane Preparedness Week at the new John C. Freeman Weather Museum May 21 – 27, 2006

Houston – The 2006 Atlantic Hurricane Season starts June 1st and is forecast to be an active season for the southeast coast of the United States according to Weather Research Center's meteorologist Jill F. Hasling. Ms. Hasling also sees a greater chance for strong hurricanes along the United States for the next several years. WRC has been making Atlantic Hurricane Outlooks on which section of the US coast has the highest risk of experiencing a tropical storm or hurricane since 1985. This year the Orbital Cyclone Strike Index [OCSI] gives the section of the US coast from Georgia to North Carolina a 90% chance.

No matter what the forecast if you and your family live along the coast, this is the week to prepare. You need to find out what the threat of a hurricane is to your area, make a family plan, and pack a family hurricane survival kit. Know whether you might have to evacuate and if you do where you will go. If you don't, have a plan on how you would secure your home. Get your supplies now so you are ready.

The John C. Freeman Weather Museum located in Houston, Texas is a place to come and find out how to prepare for hurricanes. Find out where the threat of the deadly storm surge is in relation to your house. Get your hurricane questions answered by tropical meteorologists who forecast the weather in the tropics daily.

The Weather Museum is located in the Houston Museum District at 5104 Caroline St. For more information go to <http://www.weathermuseum.org>