



## 2013 Hurricane Bulletin

The Northeast has seen some pretty devastating damage from the last two hurricane seasons. With the destruction from Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane Irene still fresh in our minds, we turn our attention to 2013. Given the current conditions in the atmosphere and ocean, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts an active 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. Three factors that lead to this belief including a strong West African monsoon, warmer than average ocean temperatures and the lack of El Niño development to suppress hurricane formation.



NOAA has predicted that there will be:

- 13-20 Named Storms (sustained winds greater than 39 mph)
- 7-11 Hurricanes (sustained winds 74 mph & greater)
- 3-6 Major Hurricanes (sustained winds 111 mph & greater)

***It is recommended that all vulnerable coastal property owners make the same hurricane preparations every year, regardless of how active or inactive the seasonal forecast is.***

**It only takes one landfall event near you to make this an active season.**

Now is a good time to revisit the pre-storm and post-storm activities you have in your Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for your business and your clients'. An EAP overview is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact your local independent Acadia Insurance agent.