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Re: Dr. William Gray’s 2005 Hurricane Season Forecast

As the calendar edges towards June and the start of the 2005 hurricane season, many Floridians are still recovering from the effects of the 2004 storms. The issuance of Dr. William Gray’s forecast should serve as a reminder for Floridians to be prepared for any disaster.

Dr. Gray issues hurricane season forecasts based on multi-decadal and seasonal trends. While the forecast numbers do not directly determine Florida’s risk, they do serve as an excellent public awareness tool for hurricane and disaster preparedness.

If you have prepared a disaster supply kit for your household in the past, now is the time to recycle and stock for 2005. The safety of your family depends on your personal responsibility to prepare before the season begins and to stay aware of hurricanes as well as severe weather threatening Florida throughout the year. Every home should have a NOAA weather radio.

As the science of hurricane forecasting improves, no one should ever be caught off guard by the magnitude of Mother Nature’s fury. I urge all Floridians to prepare, stay aware and when storms threaten, act upon the recommendations of local officials.

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