

# RC/PIO News & Notes 8-1-2025



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## News and Notes

The recent topics du jour include extreme heat, storm preparations, and mosquito problems.

## Mosquito Avoidance

Recent weeks have seen the return of West Nile Virus in Georgia. Mosquitoes are perhaps more plentiful this year thanks to above average rainfall, and of course they can transmit more than West Nile. As written but NPR, and highlighted last week in the National Public Health Information Coalition highlights, this story and intriguing pop quiz is both educational and fun: [Mosquito Quiz](#)



Health districts have been getting the word out regarding how to protect oneself from mosquito bites, including the graphic above posted in the Coastal Health District newsletter. Multiple mosquito pools in Fulton and Lowndes Counties recently tested positive for West Nile Virus. Fulton County posted prevention information to the *One Fulton* newsletter, and included a video featuring Chris Rustin: [Mosquito Threat Avoidance](#)

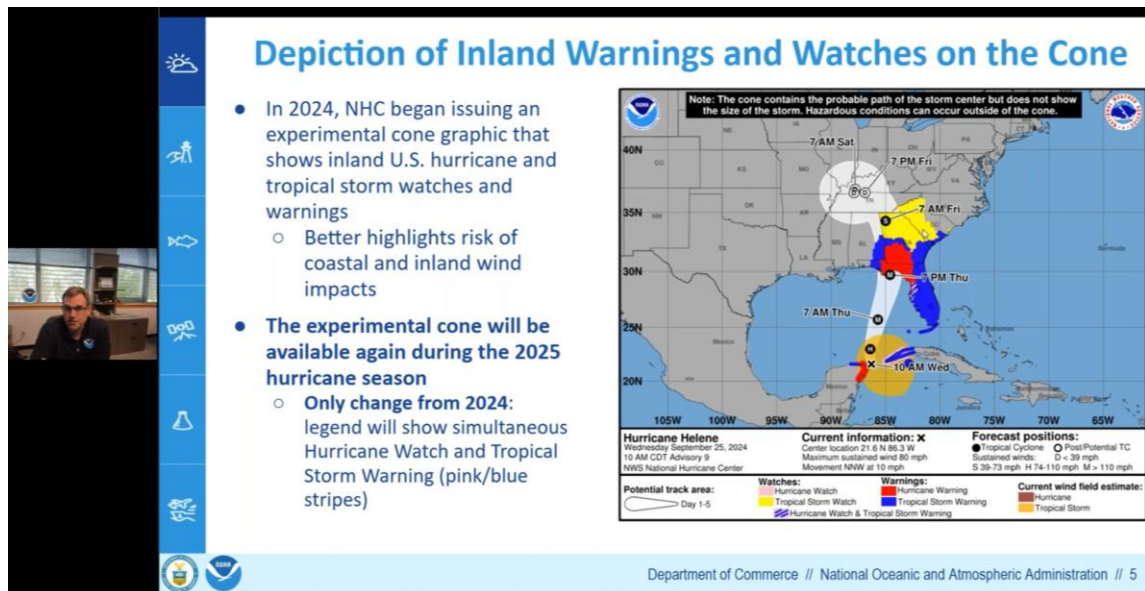
## RSS Validation

Representatives from GEMA, US Marshall's Office, ASPR and the Strategic National Stockpile program, among others, met for the state DPH Receipt Staging and Storage warehouse validation Monday. Thanks to Leah Hoffacker and Kim Gilleran for the update and pictures.



# HURREVAC

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hosted two-hour sessions Monday through Thursday this week to raise awareness of updates to the weather reporting tool HURREVAC as peak hurricane season approaches. The goal is to increase the lead times for advisories, watches and warnings. New color-coded customizable maps will provide forecast information for storm surge, rip currents, rainfall, and windspeeds. Presenters pointed out that each of the strongest hurricanes with greater than 150 mile per hour wind speeds to hit the U.S. in the past hundred years, had also been of tropical storm strength three days before landfall.



## Next Week Preview

Tuesday next week will be the Region C Healthcare Coalition meeting to be held virtually. The Mid-Planning Meeting for the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction / BioWatch full-scale exercise will be held Thursday at the state DPH office.

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