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## **INFORMATION RELEASE #1**

**Tropical Storm Gabrielle**  
**September 13, 2001 – 11:30 am**

As of the 11:00 am advisory from the National Hurricane Center, Tropical Storm Gabrielle is nearly stationary at 25.2N and 85.2W about 225 miles WSW of Naples, FL. Maximum sustained winds are near 45 mph with higher gusts. Gabrielle is expected to reach Hurricane strength within the next 36 hours.

The forecast from the National Hurricane Center is a compromise between conflicting computer models, which means this storm can make landfall anywhere from Texas to Florida. Discussions with the National Weather Service in Charleston, SC suggest that even if the system makes landfall on the west coast of Florida this weekend, the most likely potential impact for our area would be rain (amounts unknown) and possibly blustery conditions late this weekend or early next week.

We will know more as we see how the system behaves in the next 24-36 hours. CEMA will continue to closely monitor conditions and provide additional information as appropriate. No further action is required at this time. The next Information Release is scheduled to be issued at 12:00 pm tomorrow.

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