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Pasco County EOC monitoring Caribbean

~~No sandbag operations have been opened in Pasco County at this time~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff is monitoring a low pressure area associated with a tropical wave in the Caribbean. Heavy rains are likely over Puerto Rico today, and strong winds and heavy rainfall are likely over portions of Hispaniola, the Turks and Caicos, and the southeastern and central Bahamas during the next couple of days.

Pasco County has now been included in the 5-day forecast and this system has a 50-percent chance of cyclone formation in the next 48 hours and an 80-percent chance of cyclone formation in the next five days.

Pasco County EOC staff is working closely to monitor the situation with the National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service Tampa, Tampa Bay Emergency Operations Managers and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

At this time no sandbag operations have been opened in Pasco County. The Pasco EOC has not been activated.

The National Hurricane Center 8 a.m. August 25, 2016 forecast can be seen at this link:
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=5>

Citizens who would like more information about preparations for flooding, hurricanes or other disasters can go to the Pasco Emergency management webpage at:
www.pascoemergencymanagement.com.

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