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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) published its 2016 Hurricane Season Outlook, which calls for a near-normal hurricane season. The analysis can be found on the following NOAA webpage:

<http://www.noaa.gov/near-normal-atlantic-hurricane-season-most-likely-year>

Here is a brief summary of important points:

“This is a more challenging hurricane season outlook than most because it is difficult to determine whether there will be reinforcing or competing climate influences on tropical storm development. The outlook calls for a 70% probability for each of the following ranges of activity during the 2016 hurricane season:

- 10-16 Named Storms, which includes Alex in January
- 4-8 Hurricanes, which includes Alex in January
- 1-4 Major Hurricanes
- Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) range of 65%-140% of the median, which includes Alex in January

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