NOAA 2016 Hurricane Season Outlook

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:

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

"Predicting where and when hurricanes will strike is related to daily weather patterns, which cannot..."