



Situation Report Tropical Storm Ernesto

August 30, 2006 at 08:00 Hours

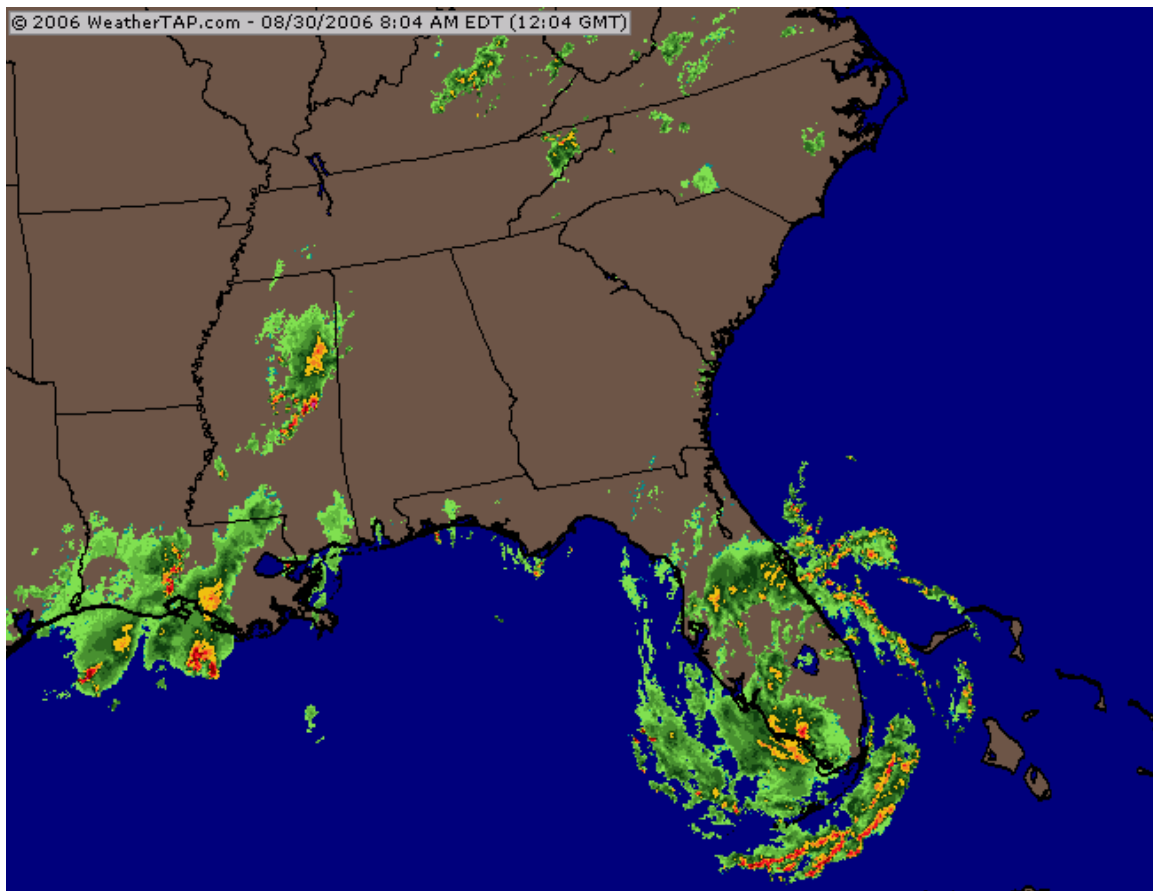
Emergency Operations - Level: 3

Current Situation:

At 8:00 AM the center of Ernesto is located well inland over Eastern Collier County about 50 miles E-SE of Naples. The weak tropical system is generally moving on a Northward track about 8 mph. Increase in the forward motion is expected later today. Maximum winds have decreased to 40 mph; further weakening is expected. Polk County remains under an Inland Tropical Storm Watch.

Rainbands continue to build and move into the area from the East Coast and these bands will continue today with stronger bands arriving after noon. Strong wind gusts more than 35 mph may occur during these rainbands. Rainfall will vary with 1-3 inches being the norm; some localized rainfall may be in the 3-6 inch range and result in minor flooding.

Radar Image:



City Actions:

The City's Emergency Management Division and Support Groups are at Level 3, and will remain so for the remainder of today. Staff will continue to monitor conditions throughout the day; Emergency Management Division Director is in EOC at 8 today and will provide updates through the day. All City Departments are on normal work hours. Next SITREP will follow the 2 PM National Hurricane Center Advisory.

County & State Actions:

Polk County's EOC is at Level 3. State EOC is at Level 1. Polk County Schools are closed today and anticipate opening on Thursday. All other Polk County Offices including the courts will operate as normal.