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Weather firm: Georgia, Carolinas most at risk in upcoming hurricane season

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It's late January, and most people are considerably more interested in Super Bowl predictions than hurricane season forecasts.

That didn't stop WSI, a weather firm headquartered in Andover, Mass., from releasing its tropical outlook for 2010 on Tuesday:

13 named storms, including seven hurricanes, with three of those being intense.

Interestingly, the company thinks Georgia and the Carolinas are most at risk, while the rest of the U.S. coast should see a near or slightly-below normal risk.

I usually don't pay much attention to early seasonal forecasts; they can be far off the mark.

Even so, I pass this one along because WSI falls under The Weather Channel and NBC Universal.

Its forecast basically falls in line with that of William Gray and Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University; they call for 11 to 16 named storms, including six to eight hurricanes, three to five intense.

Like Gray-Klotzbach, WSI expects El Niño to dissipate before the hurricane season starts and make for a busier year than last.

