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I think Sam Price will get you the latest full weather update, but the following is the latest summary:

Hurricane Irene is located about 80 miles south-southwest of Grand Turk Island. Irene is a Category One Hurricane with sustained winds of 90 mph and higher gusts. Irene is moving west-northwest at 9 mph. Irene is expected to move over the Turks, Caicos this evening and be near the southeastern and central Bahamas tonight and Wednesday and be near or over northwestern Bahamas on Thursday.

Hurricane Irene is forecast to become a major Hurricane by Wednesday night or Thursday morning and will likely hit North Carolina on Saturday evening as a Category Three Hurricane with sustained winds of 115 mph. However, there is uncertainty in the track (and intensity) forecast beyond 48 hours.

The DC area will be hit with heavy rains and major winds beginning Saturday night and into Sunday. This hurricane will affect major population centers along the East Coast and is likely to cause major wind and water damage. FEMA is working closely with all potentially affected states, and has a major effort underway to inform the public of appropriate safety and preparedness measures, evacuation routes, and shelter locations. Craig Fugate is going out on the networks tomorrow to push these messages out.