



## Tropical Storm Zeta

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Noted by [Brad deLong's blog](#), there is a new tropical storm today, now [christened Zeta by the NHC](#).

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*Anticipated track of Tropical Storm Zeta. Source: NHC. Click image to enlarge.*

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One is tempted to trumpet the unusualness of this, being as the official hurricane season has been over for a month. As [Forecaster Franklin put it](#):

ALTHOUGH THE ATMOSPHERE SEEMS TO WANT TO DEVELOP TROPICAL STORMS AD NAUSEAM...THE CALENDAR WILL SHORTLY PUT AN END TO THE USE OF THE GREEK ALPHABET TO NAME THEM.

However, it apparently is not unprecedented. Tropical Storm Alice developed on Dec 30th, 1954. However, that year was a lot quieter than this.

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*1954 Hurricane Tracks. Source: NHC. Click image to enlarge.*



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