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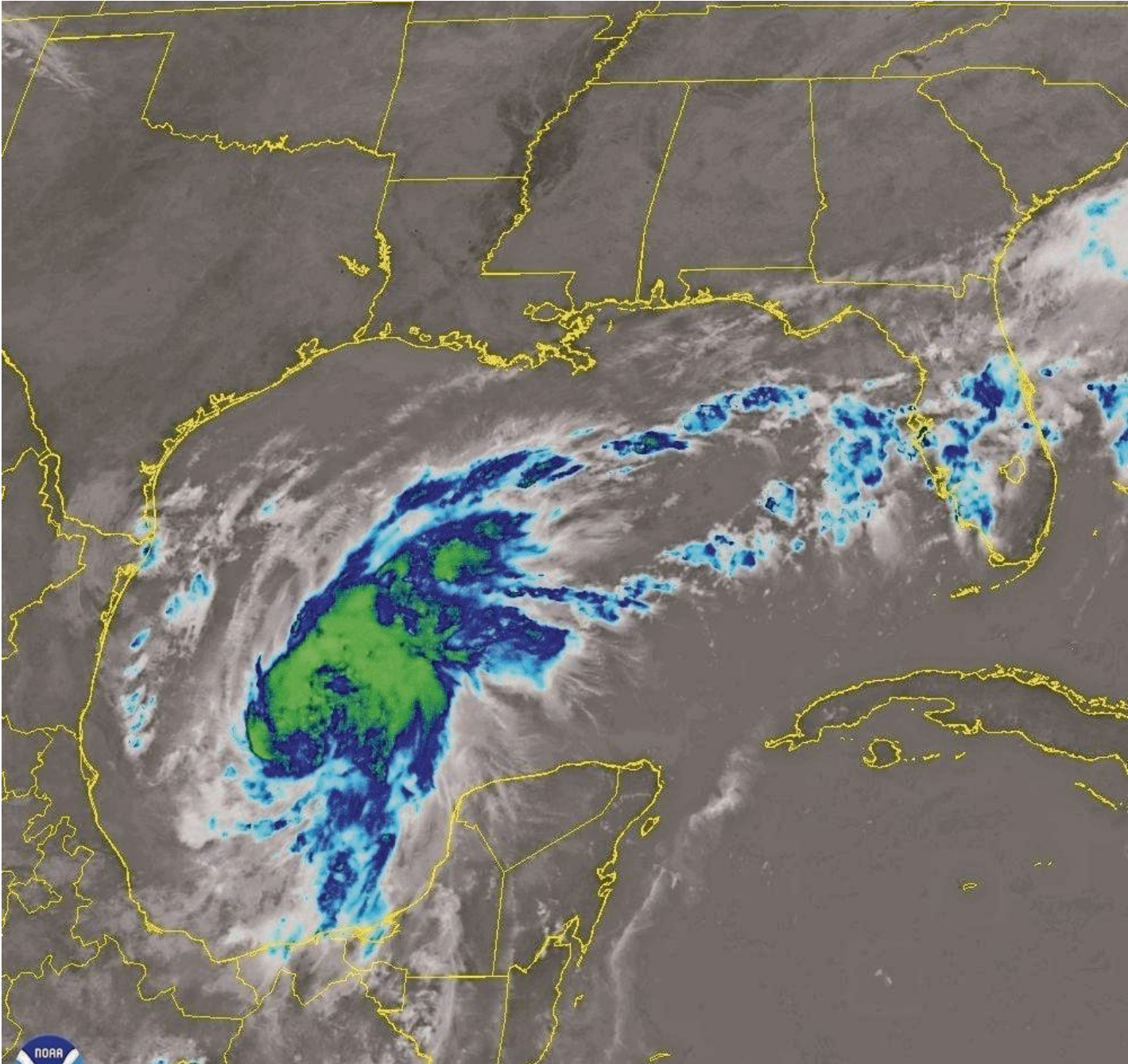
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Hurricane threat rises as Isaias strengthens



Satellite infrared imagery shows Tropical Storm Isaias as of 10 a.m. CDT on Oct. 7. PROVIDED BY NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

Forecast: Landfall is most likely between Mobile and Destin



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Exploding with the force of a Tallahassee manhole cover, Tropical Storm Isaias has developed in the southern Gulf as of Wednesday morning, Oct. 7. And while conditions remain only marginally favorable for Isaias to intensify, the undeniable trend toward a higher peak strength means increasing

chances of yet another Gulf Coast hurricane landfall late Friday, Oct. 9, into early Saturday, Oct. 10. As such, Hurricane and Tropical Storm Watches are up on the northern Gulf Coast. As of the NHC's 11 a.m. advisory, Tropical Storm Isaias is located about 700 miles southwest of Pensacola, moving slightly north of east at about 8 mph. Isaias's movement over the last day has deviated a little east of the NHC's initial forecast, which has resulted in a slight but notable shift eastward in the storm's most likely path to the Gulf Coast.

Tracking Isaias: Where is a hurricane landfall possible?

The Wednesday morning NHC track forecast and model consensus suggests landfall is most likely between Mobile and Destin, centered on Pensacola. A Wednesday morning Hurricane Hunter pass through the storm's center shows Isaias continues to glide eastward, with no northward component to its movement at the moment. Aircraft reconnaissance data also

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Volusia may ban big data centers

Final vote lies ahead on county ordinance

Mark Harper
Daytona Beach News-Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Large-scale AI data centers will not be allowed to be built, opened or operated in Volusia County if an ordinance that passed on first reading Oct. 6 is approved on a final vote in two weeks. Data centers have become a focal point of many political campaigns in 2026, as public sentiment veers toward concerns about the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and its implications on national security and the economy. In order for AI machines to operate, they need power and data storage capacity, and data centers were projected in a Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory study to consume as much as 15.3% of total U.S. electricity by 2030. The Volusia ban would cover any data centers with an anticipated monthly peak electrical load of 50

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Law library is battling county's budget cut

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The Volusia County Law Library is asking the county to reconsider its decision to cut all of its library funding, which will likely force the facility to shut down by the end of the year, according to a library trustee. Michael Becker, chairman of the Volusia County Law Library Board of Trustees, wrote in a text that the law library submitted its budget to the county staff, which he said approved it

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