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**Roberto Garcia to lead
National Weather Service forecast office in San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Roberto Garcia has been selected as the new meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service forecast office in San Juan, P.R. Garcia replaces Israel Matos who retired December 31.

"I look forward to working with the talented staff at the forecast office to continue providing exceptional forecasting and decision support service to the citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin islands," said Garcia.

"Roberto brings a wide range of skills to his new position," said Bill Proenza, director of the National Weather Service's southern region. "His experience and dedication will be an asset to communities in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as the office under his leadership continues to provide excellent weather forecasts and warnings."

A native of Puerto Rico, Garcia launched his National Weather Service career in 1990 as a part-time employee in the Agricultural Weather Station at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. Later that year, he moved to the forecast office in San Juan.

He spent nearly a decade working as a forecaster and lead forecaster at the San Juan office before transferring to the Miami office as a lead forecaster in 1999. Garcia is fluent in the Spanish Language, has extensive experience with local weather patterns and a solid understanding of the needs of partners in the region.

Garcia earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico in 1983, and a master's degree in Meteorology from Texas A & M University in 1990.

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