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**17 to 19 November 2009- Major storm surge North Sea through English Channel**

North sea storm surge threat to parts of England's East Coast and Holland is likely to strike 17th-19th November 2009. Storm heading for Holland, Belgium and Eastern coast of Britain originally predicted to Weatheraction subscribers in August 2009. A Major North Sea storm surge threat to sea defences, East Coast of England & Holland, Belgium under threat, following a new moon on 16 November.

This detail was released to customers in The WeatherAction 15-45day ahead Britain & Ireland Long range forecast for November 2009 (released 18 Oct)

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*Note on Channel Sea surge of 9 November 2007*

WeatherAction correctly predicted a similar event over 100 days earlier in August 2007. The storm came perilously close to breaching the Dutch sea defences and caused significant damage to the Belgian and Northern France coastlines. It likewise caused significant damage to the coastal regions of East Anglia.

*Extract from the Met Office website relating to that earlier storm*

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6 Nov	Met Office forecasters started to highlight a risk of a significant storm surge in the North Sea. Environment Agency alerted.
7 Nov	Strengthening north to northwest winds predicted, with speeds up to 63 m.p.h. Forecasts consistently showed surges up to 3 m, 50-90 cm above the Environment Agency alert levels in the East Anglia and Thames Estuary area.
8 Nov	Peak risk forecast to be the morning high tide (between 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.) on 9 November, along the east-facing Norfolk and Suffolk coast (especially Great Yarmouth).
9 Nov	The highest observed level was seen at Lowestoft, 0.71 m above the Environment Agency alert level

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/corporate/verification/stormsurge.html>

WeatherAction predicted the same storm in August 2007.