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H₂O Hurricanes are Heated by Oceans

This project was very important to me, because all of the hurricanes that happened in 2008 really concerned me. I wanted to see what would happen if water temperatures would influence a hurricane, by its size and destruction. My procedure begins with using three different water temperatures to test. I calculated 2 liters of 15 degree Celsius water then poured it into a 15 liter container, and then I put the 8 liter container into a 10 gallon fish tank. Next you need to get a solar powered fan and place it into the water, but make sure it is above the water level. Instead of powering the fan by the sun, power it by a light bulb. Before you make the fan start up you stick a porcelain dish into the container. As it is floating you stick a chunk of dry ice into the dish, and get it a little wet so the container will begin to smoke. Then before the smoke all escapes you cover the container with plastic wrap so you can see how much smoke in the contain reacts with the temperature of the water. You repeat the process using 26 degree Celsius water and 38 degree Celsius water. As you can see I can conclude that the hotter the water temperature the more the smoke reacted. The hotter hurricane waters are the more destructive a hurricane will be.