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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL TROPICAL CYCLONE
PROBABILISTIC STORM SURGE EXCEEDANCE PRODUCTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 2009

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUING THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 2009...NWS IS
SEEKING USER FEEDBACK ON EXPERIMENTAL TROPICAL CYCLONE PROBABILISTIC STORM
SURGE EXCEEDANCE PRODUCTS. THE EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS WILL BE GENERATED
WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR ANY PORTION OF THE GULF
OR ATLANTIC COASTS OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

LAST YEAR...THE 10 PERCENT EXCEEDANCE PRODUCT WAS PROVIDED ON AN
EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. IT WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL FOR 2009. THE 10 PERCENT
EXCEEDANCE PRODUCT PROVIDES THE STORM SURGE HEIGHTS WITH A 10 PERCENT
CHANCE OF BEING EXCEEDED.

THIS YEAR...THE EXPERIMENTAL EXCEEDANCE PRODUCT SUITE EXPANDS FROM 20
THROUGH 90 PERCENT AT INCREMENTS OF 10 PERCENT.

THE PRODUCTS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MDL/PSURGE](http://www.weather.gov/mdl/psurge)

A COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION AND STATIC EXAMPLES OF THE EXPERIMENTAL
EXCEEDANCE PRODUCTS ARE POSTED AT THE ABOVE WEBSITE. GRIDDED BINARY
VERSION TWO /GRIB2/ FILES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THIS
WEBSITE BY CLICKING ON THE DOWNLOAD TAB.

CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR THE EXCEEDANCE PRODUCT GRIB2 FILES TO BE TRANSMITTED
ON NOAAPORT AROUND SEPTEMBER 1 2009.

USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THESE EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS BY
USING THE BRIEF SURVEY AND COMMENT FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER
CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=PHSS](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=phss)

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