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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 LOWERCASE/:

[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 WEB  
SITE. GRIB2 FILES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT  
THIS WEB SITE 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 ON  
LINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

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