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Subject: Amended: Soliciting Comments for Experimental Wind
Speed Probabilities-Based Tropical Cyclone Danger
Graphic through November 30, 2012

Amended to state that if the experimental product receives favorable comments and is approved for operational implementation, the current product will be discontinued.

The NWS Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) is seeking user feedback on its experimental wind speed probabilities-based tropical cyclone danger graphic through November 30, 2012.

TAFB is providing an experimental Tropical Cyclone Danger Area Graphic based on the 34-kt wind speed probabilities through 72 hours. The graphic is based on the latest tropical cyclone advisory for an active tropical cyclone. The graphic outlines avoidance areas using the 10 percent and 50 percent 34-kt wind speed probability contours from the latest tropical cyclone advisory issuances for both the Atlantic and East Pacific basins. The current Tropical Cyclone Danger Area graphic uses the mariners 1-2-3 rule to outline avoidance areas for active tropical cyclones. Feedback from users indicated that the 1-2-3 methodology has led to "over-warned" large avoidance areas.

If at the end of the evaluation period, the experimental Tropical Cyclone Danger Area graphic receives favorable comments and is approved for operational implementation, the current Tropical Cyclone Danger Area graphic, which uses the mariners 1-2-3 rule, will be discontinued.

In the event there are no active tropical cyclones in either basin, the graphic will be blank with the following wording **THERE IS NO TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY IN THE ATLANTIC** or **THERE IS NO TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY IN THE EAST PACIFIC**.

These experimental tropical cyclone danger area graphics are available four times daily at 0400, 1000, 1600, and 2200

Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) on the National Hurricane Center (NHC) website at:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/marine/>

More details on the tropical cyclone danger area graphic are posted at:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/experimental/danger/>

Users are encouraged to provide feedback on this experimental product by using the brief survey and comment form available on line at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=TCDWBP>

A link to all NHC experimental products is also provided at:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutexperimental.shtml>

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