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

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% and 50% 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.

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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