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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY TO FIX /TCS/PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2008

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2008...WFO HONOLULU HAWAII WILL CHANGE THE FORMAT OF THE TCS PRODUCTS FROM A NARRATIVE FORMAT TO A TABULAR FORMAT.

EXAMPLE: OLD FORMAT

TROPICAL CYCLONE CLIFF LOCATED NEAR 22.2S 176.2W AT 05/1038 UTC BASED ON MTSAT IR SECTOR AND ANIMATION. POSITION ACCURATE WITHIN 60 NM. ESTIMATED MAXIMUM 1 MINUTE WIND SPEED 45 KT. MOVEMENT ESTIMATED TOWARD 140 DEG AT 15 KT OVER PAST 12 HRS.

T3.0/3.0/S0.0/12 HRS

REMARKS...CURVED BAND WRAPPING 0.6 ON A LOG10 SPIRAL YIELDS A DT OF 3.0. MET AND PT ARE 3.5. FT BASED ON DT AND 6 HR CONSTRAINTS.

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A. TROPICAL CYCLONE CLIFF

B. 05/1038Z

C. 22.2S

D. 176.2W

E. MTSAT

F. T3.0/3.0/S0.0/12 HRS

G. IR/EIR

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ADDITIONALLY THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED BY THE TCS PRODUCTS WILL EXPAND. THE CURRENT AREA IS NORTH OF THE EQUATOR BETWEEN 180 AND 140W. THE WESTERN BOUNDARY WILL EXPAND TO COVER THE AREA NORTH OF THE EQUATOR FROM 160E TO 140W.

THESE CHANGES AFFECT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

WMO HEADER AWIPS IDENTIFIER

TXPN40 PHFO TCSCP TXPS40 PHFO TCSSP

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