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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-08  
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145 PM EST DAY FEB 20 2009

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FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGE TO THE MONTHLY TROPICAL WEATHER  
SUMMARY PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009 THE TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY /TWS/  
PRODUCT...PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR THE  
PRECEDING MONTH IN THE HURRICANE SEASON...WILL CHANGE FROM A  
NARRATIVE TO A MAINLY TABULAR FORMAT.

THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS FOR THE AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

HURRICANE BASIN	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING
ATLANTIC	ABNT30 KNHC	TWSAT
EASTERN PACIFIC	APBZ30 KNHC	TWSEP
CENTRAL PACIFIC	ACPN60 PHFO	TWSCP

THE TWS HAS TRADITIONALLY CONTAINED A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE  
LIFE CYCLE OF EACH TROPICAL CYLONE OCCURRING DURING THE  
PRECEDING MONTH FOR USERS WITH HISTORICAL OR CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA  
NEEDS. HOWEVER BECAUSE POST-STORM ANALYSIS IS RARELY COMPLETE BY  
THE END OF THE MONTH...TWS PRODUCTS CAN USUALLY ONLY PROVIDE  
WEATHER INFORMATION ALREADY CONTAINED IN REAL-TIME OPERATIONAL  
PRODUCTS. ACCURATE INFORMATION ON IMPACTS IS ALSO GENERALLY  
UNAVAILABLE AT THE NORMAL TWS ISSUANCE TIMES.

BEGINNING IN 2009 THE TWS WILL CONTAIN A TABLE OF BASIC  
METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...SUCH AS THE DATES OF OCCURRENCE AND  
ESTIMATED PEAK INTENSITY...FOR ALL OF THE SEASON/S TROPICAL  
CYCLONES TO DATE. NARRATIVE SUMMARIES FOR INDIVIDUAL CYCLONES  
WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED...ALTHOUGH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS FOR  
RECORDS OF INTEREST MAY BE PROVIDED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE TWS PRODUCT FOR 2009 IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT  
/USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TWS\\_EXAMPLE.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/tws_example.shtml)

USERS REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON EACH TROPICAL

CYCLONE...INCLUDING SYNOPTIC HISTORY...METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES...AND THE POST-ANALYSIS BEST TRACK /SIX-HOURLY POSITIONS AND INTENSITIES/...ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THE END OF SEASON TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS:

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008ATLAN.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/2008atlan.shtml)

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CPHC/SUMMARIES](http://www.weather.gov/cphc/summaries)

THE NHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN...NORTH OF THE EQUATOR AND EAST OF 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE CPHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH OF THE EQUATOR FROM 140 DEGREES WEST TO 180 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

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