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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-14  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
300 PM EST TUE FEB 24 2009

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA  
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY  
MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS...NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...  
AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGES TO THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC  
ADVISORY PRODUCTS FOR THE ATLANTIC...EASTERN  
PACIFIC...AND CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE BASINS:  
EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009...THE FOLLOWING FORMAT CHANGES WILL BE  
MADE IN THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC ADVISORY /TCP/ PRODUCT FOR  
EASIER DECODING BY AUTOMATED PROGRAMS:

1. MODIFICATION OF THE STORM SUMMARY INFORMATION NEAR THE END  
OF THE PRODUCT

AN EXAMPLE OF THE OLD FORMAT OR OLD REPEAT SECTION:

REPEATING THE 1100 PM AST POSITION...23.7 DEGREES N...72.2  
DEGREES WEST...MOVEMENT TOWARD...NORTH-NORTHEAST AT 12 MPH.  
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...75 MPH. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...997  
MB.

EXAMPLE OF THE NEW FORMAT OR NEW STORM SUMMARY SECTION:

...SUMMARY OF THE 1100 PM AST POSITION...  
LOCATION...23.7N 72.2W  
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...75 MPH  
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NORTH-NORTHEAST OR 025 DEGREES AT 12 MPH  
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...997 MB

EXAMPLE OF THE NEW FORMAT WHEN THERE IS NO MOVEMENT:

...SUMMARY OF THE 1100 PM AST POSITION...  
LOCATION...23.7N 72.2W  
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...75 MPH  
PRESENT MOVEMENT...STATIONARY  
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...997 MB

2. CHANGE IN REFERENCE TO COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/

AN EXAMPLE OF THE OLD FORMAT:

AT 11 PM EDT...0300Z...THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM...

AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW FORMAT:

AT 11 PM EDT...0300 UTC...THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM...

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE AWIPS IDENTIFIERS...WMO PRODUCT HEADINGS OR PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES FOR THE TCP PRODUCTS.

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

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

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.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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