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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-10  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1235 PM EST TUE FEB 16 2010

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
-FAMILY OF SERVICES  
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGE TO TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE PRODUCTS FOR THE  
ATLANTIC...EASTERN PACIFIC AND CENTRAL PACIFIC BASINS: EFFECTIVE MAY 15  
2010

REFERENCE: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 10-07...FORMAT CHANGE TO THE  
TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC ADVISORY PRODUCTS FOR THE ATLANTIC...EASTERN  
PACIFIC...AND CENTRAL PACIFIC BASINS: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2010...ISSUED ON  
JANUARY 27 2010](#)

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2010... BASED ON USER INPUTS...A FORMAT CHANGE WILL BE  
MADE IN THE TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE /TCU/ PRODUCT. THIS CHANGE WILL ALLOW  
EASIER PARSING AND DECODING OF INFORMATION BY AUTOMATED GRAPHICS AND WEB  
APPLICATIONS.

WHEN A TCU IS ISSUED TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF A TROPICAL CYCLONE...FOR  
EXAMPLE TROPICAL STORM TO A HURRICANE...OR TO UPDATE STORM  
INTENSITY...LOCATION OR MOTION INFORMATION...THE TCU WILL INCLUDE A STORM  
SUMMARY SECTION IDENTICAL TO THE STORM SUMMARY SECTION FOUND IN THE  
TCP...AS DETAILED IN [SCN 10-07](#).

A TCU MAY CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT A STORM SUMMARY SECTION TO PROVIDE  
ADVANCE NOTICE THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO STORM INFORMATION WILL BE  
CONVEYED SHORTLY...EITHER THROUGH A SUBSEQUENT TCU OR THROUGH A SPECIAL  
ADVISORY.

A TCU ISSUED TO CONVEY CHANGES TO WATCHES OR WARNINGS WILL ALSO NOT  
REQUIRE A STORM SUMMARY SECTION.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE TCU IS POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TCU\\_EXAMPLE.SHTML](http://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TCU_EXAMPLE.SHTML)

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
/AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS AND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ PRODUCT  
HEADINGS FOR THE TCU PRODUCTS.

THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER /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 CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER /CPHC/ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL 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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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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