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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL GRAPHICAL TROPICAL WEATHER
OUTLOOK PRODUCT THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 2008

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-21: TRANSMITTED MARCH 18 2008:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN08-21TEXT TWO.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn08-21text_two.pdf)

BEGINNING MAY 15 2008 IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN...AND
BEGINNING JUNE 1 2008 IN THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE BASIN...AND CONTINUING
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 2008...THE NWS IS SEEKING USER FEEDBACK ON AN
EXPERIMENTAL GRAPHICAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK /TWO/.

THE GRAPHICAL PRODUCT IS A VISUAL COMPANION PRODUCT TO THE TEXT TWO. THE
TEXT TWO IS AN EXISTING PRODUCT DESCRIBING AREAS OF DISTURBED WEATHER AND
THEIR POTENTIAL FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION. AREAS OF DISTURBED
WEATHER MENTIONED IN THE TEXT PRODUCT ARE HIGHLIGHTED /CIRCLED/ IN THE
GRAPHIC AND NUMBERED...WITH THE NUMBERS CORRESPONDING TO THE ORDER IN
WHICH THE SYSTEMS ARE DISCUSSED IN THE TEXT TWO. THE GRAPHICAL PRODUCT
WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE ATLANTIC AND EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASINS.

THE YEAR 2008 IS THE SECOND YEAR OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND A PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD...WITH TWO ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2008 EXPERIMENTAL EFFORT AS
FOLLOWS:

1. THE GRAPHICAL TWO PRODUCT WILL INCLUDE AN EXPERIMENTAL 3-TIERED
GENESIS PROBABILITY FORECAST FOR EACH IDENTIFIED SYSTEM...WITH PROBABILITY
CATEGORIES OF LOW...MEDIUM AND HIGH...CORRESPONDING TO PROBABILITIES OF
LESS THAN 20 PERCENT...20 TO 50 PERCENT AND GREATER THAN 50 PERCENT
RESPECTIVELY.

2. THE ISSUANCE OF THE GRAPHICAL TWO PRODUCT INCREASES FROM TWO TO FOUR
TIMES DAILY. FOR THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN...THE NEW ISSUANCE
TIMES WILL BE 0500/1100/1700/AND 2300 PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME...WHICH
CORRESPONDS TO 0400/1000/1600 AND 2200 PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME...WHICH
CORRESPONDS TO 0400/1000/1600/AND 2200 PACIFIC STANDARD TIME. FOR THE
ATLANTIC HURRICANE BASIN...THE NEW ISSUANCE TIMES WILL BE 0200/0800/1400
AND 2000 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME...WHICH CORRESPONDS TO 0100/0700/1300 AND

1900 EASTERN STANDARD TIME. ALL ISSUANCE TIMES FOR BOTH BASINS CORRESPOND WITH 0000/0600/1200 AND 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...CORRESPONDING WITH THE NEW ISSUANCE TIMES FOR THE TEXT TWO PRODUCT.

THE PRODUCT WILL BE POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

ATLANTIC VERSION:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/GTWO ATL.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo_atl.shtml)

EAST PACIFIC VERSION:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/GTWO EPAC.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo_epac.shtml)

A COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE GRAPHICAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK IS POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/ABOUTGTWO.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutgtwo.shtml)

USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THIS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT BY USING THE BRIEF SURVEY AND COMMENT FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=GTWO](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=gtwo)

A LINK TO ALL NHC EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/ABOUTEXPERIMENTAL.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutexperimental.shtml)

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