

This is a voluntary survey

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ORGANIZATION: _____

1. Do you currently receive the Tropical Bulletin?

Yes, proceed to Question #2 No, proceed to Question #7

2. How often do you use the information in the bulletin to support your operations, where 1 = Never → 5 = Routinely?

[SAB Bulletins Webpage](#)

1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rank the following bulletin items by how **beneficial** they are to your operations (e.g. are the following used as decision making tools in the overall process):

Where 1 = Not Important → 5 = Very Important

Position Estimate:

1 2 3 4 5

Intensity Estimate:

1 2 3 4 5

Microwave (MW) Positions:

1 2 3 4 5

Remarks:

1 2 3 4 5

4. What is your level of satisfaction with the bulletin, where 1 = Not at all satisfied → 5 = Extremely satisfied?

1 2 3 4 5

5. Are the classification times, 0230Z, 0830Z, 1430Z, 2030Z, with issuance deadlines of 0400Z, 1000Z, 1600Z, 2200Z, respectively, sufficient to meet your operational requirements?

Yes No

If not, please specify what classification times would be more conducive to your requirements for our consideration: _____

6. What would be the impact to your operations if the text bulletins were discontinued in favor of the [ADT](#) position and intensity estimates, where 1 = Severe impact → 5 = No impact at all?

1 2 3 4 5

7. How **beneficial** are the following products in your daily operations, where 1 = Not at all beneficial → 5 = Extremely beneficial? Click on the link to be connected to the products operational web page.

[e-TRaP \(Ensemble Tropical Rainfall Potential\)](#)

1 2 3 4 5 Unaware of product

[Multiplatform Tropical Cyclone Surface Winds](#)

1 2 3 4 5 Unaware of product

[ADT \(Advanced Dvorak Technique\)](#)

1 2 3 4 5 Unaware of product

[Tropical Cyclone Formation Probability](#)

1 2 3 4 5 Unaware of product

Tropical Cyclone Formation Probability expanded to include Southern Hemisphere

1 2 3 4 5 Unaware of product

Comments _____

8. Which of the following ways to present gridded eTRaP forecasts of heavy rain would be more **beneficial to** the operational forecaster?

Give the probability of exceeding a certain rainfall accumulation for each specific 8-km grid box. This approach would be more precise as far as the location of the highest probability of heavy rainfall, but the probability values will never be all that high because it's so difficult to predict the exact location of heavy rainfall.

Give the probability of exceeding a certain rainfall accumulation somewhere within, say, 40 km of the grid box of interest. This approach would be less precise as far as location, but would give a better picture of the overall risk of heavy rainfall in a general area.

9. I have the following additional comments: _____

Please send your responses to the following electronic email or fax:

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