

Dropsonde Scientist

Flight ID 20210927H1 Storm Sam Mission ID 0618A

Dropsonde Scientists Jun Zhang

AVAPS Operators Max

The Lead Project Scientist (LPS) on the P3 is responsible for determining the distribution patterns for dropwindsonde releases. Predetermined desired data collection patterns are illustrated on the flight patterns. However, these patterns are often altered because of clearance problems, etc. Operational procedures are contained in the operator's manual. On the G-IV the sole HRD person is designated the LPS. The following list contains more general supplementary procedures to be followed. (Check off or initial.)

Preflight

- 1. Determine the status of the AVAPS and workstation. Report results to the LPS.
- 2. Confirm the mission and pattern selection with the LPS and assure that enough dropsondes are on board the aircraft.
- 3. Modify the flight pattern or drop locations if requested by AOC to accommodate changes in storm location or closeness to land.
- 4. Complete the appropriate preflight set-up and checklists.

In-Flight

- 1. Operate the system as specified in the operator's manual.
- 2. Ensure the AOC flight director is aware of upcoming drops.
- 3. Ensure the AVAPS operator has determined that the dropsonde is (or is not) transmitting a good signal. Recommend if a backup dropsonde should be launched in case of failure.
- 4. Report the transmission of each drop and fill in the Dropwindsonde Scientist Log.

Post flight

- 1. Complete Dropwindsonde Scientist Log.
- 2. Download all raw and processed AVAPS files to thumbdrive
- 3. Brief the LPS on equipment status and turn in completed forms and thumbdrive.
- 4. Debrief at the base of operations.
- 5. Determine the status of future missions and notify Field Program Director as to where you can be contacted.

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Drop #	Sonde ID	Time UTC	Lat (°N/S)	Long (°E/W)	Sfc Pressure (mb)	Wind closest to		SST (°C)	Eye/Eyewall, Rainband, etc.	Obs #
						Dir/Spd (deg/kt)	Hgt (m)			
✓ 1	-10225	2104	16.798	57.393	1012	02009				01
Comments	<i>HARD SAP OVERPASS</i>									
✓ 2	10036	2143	16.066	54.162	1010	34028				02
Comments	<i>W-IP COMBO</i>									
✓ 3	20373	2152	16.172	53.556	1005	34033				03
Comments	<i>W-MID</i>									
✓ 4	50311	2158	16.265	53.126	994	31073				04
Comments	<i>W-RMW1</i>									
✓ 5	11157	2202	16.328	52.865	970	30574				05
Comments	<i>W-RMW2</i>									
✓ 6	10216	2203	16.342	52.808	959	30546				06
Comments	<i>W-RMW3</i>									
✓ 7	40280	2205	16.386	52.677	957	12527				07
Comments	<i>CENTER COMBO flight level WS = 8.7 kt</i>									
✓ 8	20371	2208	16.455	52.445	980	110.82				08
Comments	<i>E-RMW1</i>									
✓ 9	10567	2209	16.465	52.408	983	10570				09
Comments	<i>E-RMW2</i>									
✓ 10	3022	2211	16.489	52.314	992	11067				10
Comments	<i>E-RMW3</i>									

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						Dir/Spd (deg/kt)	Height (m)			
✓ 11	40696	2218	16.624	51.8006	1006	12543				11
Comments	E - MID PT									
✓ 12	30374	2229	16.824	51.047	1010	13026				12
Comments	E - ERM PT COMBO									
✓ 13	30331	2254	18.131	52.199	1011	07021				13
Comments	NE - IP COMBO									
✓ 14	40571	2306	17.345	52.501	1106	06053				14
Comments	NE - MID P									
✓ 15	40675	2315	16.76	52.717	985	05585				15
Comments	NE - RMW1 - second eyewall									
✓ 16	30524	2316	16.701	52.736	955	07122				16
Comments	NE - RMW2 - corrected unclerked hgt surface									
✓ 17	50603	2317	16.641	52.755	974	05108				17
Comments	NE - RMW3									
✓ 18	40695	2320	16.442	52.826	956	22507				18 <i>Center</i>
Comments	CENTER #2 8 (2.42kt) - flow									
✓ 19	30377	232405	16.205	52.902	980	24103				19
Comments	SW - RMW1									
✓ 20	30332	232406	16.205	52.902	980	23598				20
Comments	SW - RMW2									

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						Dir/Spd (deg/kt)	Hgt (m)			
✓ 21	40708	232421	16.189	52.907	982	245	91			21
Comments	SW - RMW3									
✓ 22	40701	2335	15.444	53.195	1007	255	31			22
Comments	SW - MID P									
✓ 23	40674	2346	14.803	53.445	1012	300	18			23
Comments	SW - END P combo									
✓ 24	50396	0009	15.245	51.821	1011	225	25			24
Comments	SE - IP combo									
✓ 25	41008	0021	15.858	52.382	1007	200	33			25
Comments	SE - MID P									
✓ 26	30370	002942	16.29	52.763	983	185	73			26
Comments	SE - RMW1									
✓ 27	30367	003005	16.314	52.78	979	181	01			27
Comments	SE - RMW2									
✓ 28	40458	003011	16.319	52.784	980	180	94			28
Comments	SE - RMW3									
✓ 29	30372	0033	16.514	52.946	957	280	04			29
Comments	CENTER #3 - flew ~ 20kt on sonde - hit ~ 1.4 kt lower									
✓ 30	50460	003734	16.714	53.114	977	335	94			30
Comments	NW - RMW1									

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						Dir/Spd (deg/kt)	Hgt (m)			
✓ 31	03735	003735	16.716	53.115	977	345	86			31
Comments	NW - R/W 2									
✓ 32	10995	0038	16.762	53.156	981	345	87			32
Comments	NW - R/W 3									
✓ 33	50729	0046	17.173	53.516	1005	005	40			33
Comments	NW - MID									
✓ 34	30152	0059	17.90	54.09	1012	020	28			34
Comments	NW - END PT COMBO									
✓ 35	10034	0113	18.714	54.753	1013	050	23			35
Comments	Combo for GW module									
✓ 36	50730	0142	17.799	54.815	1010	025	16			36
Comments	Last Drop Combo for pre-ocean condition									
Comments										
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