Dropsonde Scientist

Flight ID 20160920I1 **Storm** Karl **Dropsonde Scientist** Hui Christophersen

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 often are required to be 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 HAPS or 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. Brief the LPS on equipment status and turn in completed forms, dropwindsonde data tapes, DVDs, or CDs.
[**Note**: all data removed from the aircraft by HRD personnel should be cleared with the AOC flight director.]

✓ 4. Debrief at the base of operations.

✓ 5. Determine the status of future missions and notify MGOC as to where you can be contacted.

* Skip all the end points since N4Arf has dropped at ~150nm of those locations (~90nm. N.S.W.E)

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N42/3RF HRD GPS Dropwindsonde Scientist Log (Revised 5/2002)

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Flight ID 20160920I1 Flight Director Ian Sears / Brian Nelson Takeoff from 17 at 45 UTC

Mission ID NB12A KARL AVAPS Operators Jeff Hartberger Recovery at STX at 0143 UTC

Drop #	Sonde ID #	Time (UTC)	Lat (°N)	Lon (°W)	Surface Pressure (mb)	Wind closest to surface dir/spd (kt)	hgt (m)	BT SST (°C)	Eye, Eyewall, Rainband (direction)	Comments	Ob #
1	14431504[illegible]	1952	19.31	55.33	1008	315/7	10			Midpoint at start of 1st leg	6
2	14431505[illegible]	2013:16	20.8	55.33	1009	11/20	10			Mid point N of the center, 1st leg	8
3	14461501[illegible]	2105	20.10	56.12	1009	20/16	10			Midpoint at start of 2nd leg	10
4	14274518[illegible]	2117	20.0	55.24	1007	315/6	10		Eye		
5	14114500[illegible]	2127	20.3	54.53	1008	140/14	10			Mid-point E of center 2nd leg	
6	13233507[illegible]	21584	21.08	54.39	1011	90/27	10			End point of downwind leg / 3rd leg	
7	14013503[illegible]	22100	20.56	54.9[illegible]	1010	80/24	10			Mid point NE of center 3rd leg	
8	14271502[illegible]	2231	19.5	56.08	1009	5/12	12			Midpoint SW of center, 3rd leg	
9	14261512[illegible]	2241	18.96	56.63	1009	5/7	10			End point of 3rd leg	
10		2311								~~Inbound of 3rd leg~~ dead	
11	14261508[illegible]	2312	19.16	54.75	1010	245/16	10			Inbound of 3rd leg	22
12	14014514[illegible]	2321	19.59	55.21	1009	190/10	10			Midpoint SE of center at 3rd leg	23
13	14271500[illegible]	2342	19.94	56.22						Mid point NW of center at 3rd leg	25 (didn't hit surface)
14	14273506[illegible]	2352	20.45	56.80	1010	50/24	10			Last drop	26

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