Climatological Summaries: Visibilities Below 1/2 Mile and Ceilings Below 200

California Weather Observations (RUSSWO)

Authors: AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER SCOTT AFB IL

This report is a six-part statistical summary of surface weather observations for Edwards AFB, Lancaster, California. It contains the following parts: (A) Weather Conditions; Atmospheric Phenomena; (B) Precipitation, Snowfall and Snow Depth (daily amounts and extreme values); (C) Surface winds; (D) Ceiling Versus Visibility; Sky Cover; (E) Psychrometric Summaries (daily maximum and minimum temperatures, extreme maximum and minimum temperatures, psychrometric summary of...
Monterey FAA, Monterey, California, Revised Uniform Summary of Surface Weather Observations (RUSSWO), Parts A, C-F. This report is a six-part statistical summary of surface weather observations for Monterey FAA, Monterey, CA. It contains the following parts: (a) Weather Conditions; Atmospheric Phenomena; (b) Precipitation, Snowfall and Snow Depth (daily amounts and extreme values); (c) Surface winds; (d) Ceiling versus Visibility; Sky Cover; (e) Psychrometric Summaries (daily maximum and minimum temperatures, extreme maximum and minimum temperatures, psychrometric summary of wet-bulb temperature ...

Comparison of the Refractive Index Structure Constant Derived from Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) Models and Thermosonde Data. Authors: Leon C. Narcisse, AIR FORCE INST OF TECH WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT. This research compares CLEAR1, 2 X CLEAR ... of the refractive index structure constant to optical turbulence values derived from several numerical weather prediction models currently in use by the DOD. The models used were the Fifth Generation Mesoscale ... Simulation (ACMES) program Comparisons are presented using thermosonde data collected at Vandenberg AFB California during the period 19-26 Oct 2001 Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) Results indicate ...

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CRUISES OF THE 'CREST' AND THE 'HORIZON,' SUMMERS OF 1949 AND 1950. Authors: CALIFORNIA UNIV LOS ANGELES. Observations are reported from the cruises of the ships Crest and Horizon. Surface pressures were measured with Wallace and Tiernan type FA-126 aneroid barometers which were checked against Hg barometers at shore stations. Temperature and moisture content were measured with standard Weather Bureau sling psychrometers. Magneto-type 3-cup anemometers were used for wind observations. Visual observations were made of waves, visibility, weather, and clouds. Pilatus and raibals were taken when sea and sky conditions permitted.

Summary of Meteorological Observations, Surface (SMOS), El Toro, California. Authors: NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHY COMMAND DETACHMENT ASHEVILLE NC. This data report consists of a six part statistical summary of surface weather observations. The six parts are: Part A - Weather Conditions/Atmospheric Phenomena, Part B - Precipitation/Snowfall/Snow Depth, Part C - Surface Winds, Part D - Ceiling versus Visibility/Sky Cover, Part E - Psychrometric Summaries, Part F - Station Pressure/Sea Level Pressure. (Author)

Summary of Meteorological Observations, Surface (SMOS), Santa Ana, California/Tustin. Authors: NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHY COMMAND DETACHMENT ASHEVILLE NC. This data report consists of a six part statistical summary of surface weather observations. The six parts are: Part A - Weather Conditions/Atmospheric Phenomena, Part B - Precipitation/Snowfall/Snow Depth, Part C - Surface Winds, Part D - Ceiling versus Visibility/Sky Cover, Part E - Psychrometric Summaries, Part F - Station Pressure/Sea Level Pressure. (Author)

Understanding Magnetic Eruptions in the Sun and Their Interplanetary Consequences. Authors: George H. Fisher, CALIFORNIA UNIV BERKELEY SPACE SCIENCES LAB. A major goal of our MUR project was to develop a state-of-the-art, observationally- tested 3-d numerical modeling system for predicting magnetic eruptions on the Sun and their interplanetary consequences. This project is motivated by the fact that the Sun drives the most violent space weather events. The mechanisms that trigger and drive these eruptions are the least understood aspects of space weather. A better physical understanding of how magnetic eruptions occur and how these disturbances propagate will surely lead to more accurate and longer range forecasts.

Maintenance of the HIPAS Ionospheric Radio Frequency Heater at Two Rivers, Alaska. Authors: Alfred Y. Wong, CALIFORNIA UNIV LOS ANGELES DEPT OF PHYSICS. Similar ELF data has been recorded at Table Mountain, California, as well as at a new station at Northwest Cape Australia, which was able to detect the HIPAS signal.

Restructured Electricity Markets: California Market Design Enabled Exercise of Market Power. Authors: GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE WASHINGTON DC. ... of 2000 and at other times after restructuring. Neither our analysis nor the other studies addressed whether any market power exercised in California was in violation of federal or other laws pertaining to the sale of electricity. However, our analysis and other studies found that during some ... found evidence of increasingly tight balances between demand and supply during the same period-a hot summer caused demand to rise, while dry weather the previous winter meant that hydroelectricity was in short supply. Because tight demand and supply balances would also lead to higher than normal prices, ...
Advanced Propagation Model (APM) Analysis of VHF Signals in the Southern California Desert

Authors: A. E. Barrios, K. D. Anderson, Ge. E. Lindem; SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS COMMAND SAN DIEGO CA

This report analyzes very high frequency signal strength data from two Naval Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration weather radio transmitters located in southern California and southwestern Arizona over a wide range of topography ranging from relatively flat to mountainous terrain. Meteorological information was obtained from local radiosonde measurement stations at Miramar (NKX) and Yuma Proving Ground (YTG). These data are used as the basis for a validation study of the Advanced Propagation Model (APM) to determine...

Weather at the Naval Weapons Center 1946-1968

Authors: D. L. Farnham; L. C. Vercy; NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER CHINA LAKE CA

The report summarizes surface and upper-air climatological data taken at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California, from 1946 through 1968.

Surface Observation Climatic Summaries (SOCS) For Mather AFB, California

Authors: AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER SCOTT AFB IL

Surface observation climatic summaries (SOCS) provide statistical climatological summaries of surface weather observations taken and recorded at specified USAF, civilian and foreign observing stations. Hourly observations are summarized from a 10-year period of record (POR). ‘Summary of Day’ (SOD) information is summarized from all available data in the OL-A, USAFETAC Climatic database.

Executive Summary of the Cloud Impacts on DoD Operational and Systems 1991 Conference (CIDOS-91) Held in El Segundo, California on 9-12 July 1991

Authors: D. D. Grantham; J. W. Snow; PHILLIPS LAB HANSCOM AFB MA

... research for cloud effects on weapon, communications and surveillance systems. The theme of CIDOS-91 was ‘Clouds - The First Order Impact for Defense and Climate Change’. Two keynote addresses were presented: ‘Cloud Forecasting: The Challenge During Operation Desert Storm’ by LtCol Gerald Riley, Staff Weather Officer to DS Field HQ; and, a review of the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project by Dr. W.B.Rossow, NASA, Director ISCCP. The latter keynote emphasized the need for greater exchange of cloud data between the civilian and military communities, especially in light of the...

Environmental Impact Statement Space Shuttle Program, Vandenberg AFB, California, Supplement

Authors: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC

... concerns induced by new government regulations, such as the Clean Air Act Amendments, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This Supplement also reviews new project changes. Shuttle Program impacts have been reevaluated in light of recent changes in the program, research studies in problem areas, and newly acquired knowledge of the affected environment. The physical, chemical, biological, and archaeological impacts that result from changes in the Shuttle Program include effects on air quality, floodplains, wetlands, noise, biology, archaeology, historical resources, and weather...

Agents for Plan Monitoring and Repair

Authors: Craig A. Knoblock; Kristina Lerman; Steve Minton; Ion Muslea; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARINA DEL REY INFORMATION SCIENCES INST

... is the timely access to up-to-date information. Agents making decisions on behalf of human users need to access and verify information from multiple heterogeneous information sources, such as internal organizational databases (personal schedules, staff lists), real-time sensors (traffic and weather updates), as well as many types of public information (airline schedules, restaurant listings, etc). To address the problems of accessing and verifying information from heterogeneous sources, we developed a set of techniques for learning to recognize the content of the required information. The...

Reconnaissance of Background Infrasound at Selected Future IMS locations, Atlantic Ocean

Authors: Michael A. Hedlin; CALIFORNIA UNIV REGENTS LA JOLLA CA SCRIPPS INST OF OCEANOGRAPHY

... background infrasound on these in a way that could be helpful the deployers of the future monitoring facilties. These islands each offer a variety of environmental settings and are inherently different from each other in terms of natural characteristics such as size, shape, wind, weather, topography, and vegetation. As a result, this study has also provided insight about parameters that affect the quality of infrasonic measurements on relatively small islands. We have assessed the utility of infrasonic monitoring stations on these island 5 and have found suitable locations for all array ...

The Solar Mass Ejection Imager (SMEI) Mission

Authors: Bernard V. Jackson; Andrew Buffington; P. P. Hick; CALIFORNIA UNIV REGENTS SAN DIEGO LA JOLLA CA

... provide a global brightness map of nearly the entire sky, once per orbit. The heliospheric features to be imaged include mass ejections (near the Sun these ejections of material are called coronal mass ejections or CMEs), streamers and shock waves coming from the Sun. Observations from the instrument will allow deconvolution of these structures from the perspective views of them as they pass Earth. Because of its ability to provide these observations in near-real-time prior to their arrival at Earth, the imager will be important for space weather forecasts of Earth’s geomagnetic disturbances.
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| **Next Generation, 4-D Distributed Modeling and Visualization of Battlefield** | Jul 14, 2006 | 47    |
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| **Full Text**                                                         |            |       |
| Gaining a detailed tactical picture of the modern battle-space is vital to the success of any military operation. This picture is used to direct the movement of assets and material over rugged terrain during day and night in uncertain weather conditions, taking account of possible enemy locations and activity. To provide a timely and accurate picture of the battle-space, modern command operations centers have access to a multitude of systems which provide information from many different sources including eye witness reports, aerial photographs, sonar, radar, synthetic aperture radar, ... |            |       |

| **Evaluation Study of the Tactical Atmospheric Modeling System/Real-Time (TAMS-RT) at NPMOC** | Dec 1999 | 159   |
| **San Diego**                                                             |          |       |
| **Authors:** Arthur J. Reiss; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA |          |       |
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| COAMPS has been developed by the Naval Research Lab in Monterey, California to meet this task. A forecast system employing COAMPS; called ... currently being field tested at two of the Navy’s major regional weather facilities in Manama, Bahrain and San Diego, California. Mesoscale modeling is a complex process that requires detailed knowledge of ... optimal methods for 3-D visualization and interpretation of various weather parameters. Using these techniques and methods, TAMS-RT performance is then evaluated for critical mesoscale weather phenomena as defined by NPMOC San Diego, including the ... |            |       |

| **A Communication Link Software Model for Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center** | Dec 2000 | 52    |
| **Authors:** Douglas J. MarkKinnor; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA |          |       |
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| ... between Fleet Numerical Meteorology Oceanographic Center (FNMOC) Monterey, California and Naval Atlantic Meteorology Oceanographic Center (NLMOC) ... in order to fulfill its mission to provide global weather forecasts to the warfighter, FNMOC must provide timely data to ... it is a major consumer of data files in support of weather forecasting. The other major links are located in Rota, Spain; San Diego, California; Yokosuka, Japan; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This ... model is the technical support personnel at FNMOC Monterey, California, who manage the link to NLMOC Norfolk, Virginia. The information ... |            |       |

| **Monthly Mean Sea Ice Data from the Polar Ice Prediction System, the Regional Polar Ice Prediction System - Barents Sea** | May 6, 1994 | 83    |
| **Authors:** P. G. Posey; R. M. Preller; NAVAL RESEARCH LAB STENNIS SPACE CENTER MS |          |       |
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| **Network Shortest Path Application for Optimum Track Ship Routing** | Jun 2005 | 93    |
| **Authors:** Anel A. Monte; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA |          |       |
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| ... United States Navy Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) community routes ships for weather evasion using advanced meteorological modeling and satellite data, but lacks ... increase savings. Outside of the Navy, Ocean Systems Incorporated in Alameda, California, developed the Ship Tracking and Routing System (STARS) software package to calculate optimum sea routes based on weather model data. However, METOC ship routers are reluctant to adopt ... algorithm and a basic ship response function. The model avoids adverse weather and solves the least-time path to a destination. It calculates useful time, ... |            |       |

| **Climatic Summary for the Pacific Missile Test Center** | Apr 25, 1975 | 27    |
| **Authors:** Robert DE Violini; PACIFIC MISSILE TEST CENTER POINT MUGU CA |          |       |
| **Full Text**                                                         |            |       |
| A brief summary of climatic data for Point Mugu and San Nicolas Island, California, and for Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii, is provided to assist the range user in planning operations at the Pacific Missile Test Center (formerly the Pacific Missile Range). The information presented are those basic weather data often of interest in the initial planning stages: temperature, precipitation, the wind, sky cover, visibility, and flying weather. |            |       |

| **Janus Modeling for the Environmental Effects for Distributed Interactive Simulation (E2DIS) Program** | Apr 1995 | 18    |
| **Authors:** Bard K. Mansager; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA DEPT OF MATHEMATICS |          |       |
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... on weapons systems and study the resultant force-on-force interplay. In order to do this, a scenario was developed using Fort Hunter Liggett, California terrain. In this scenario, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) were used to search for a Ground Launched Cruise Missiles (GLCM) and SCUD Ballistic Missiles (TBMs) and Transporter Erector Launchers (TELs). Once located, a Fiber Optic Guided Missile (FOG-M) was fired at the TEL. Weather parameters were changed and the scenario was repeated. Differences between the number of TEL detections in different weather conditions were recorded.

**SEASOAR and CTD Observations During EBC Cruises W9306A and W9308B, June to September 1993**

Authors: P. M. Kosro; J. A. Barth; J. Fleischbein; A. Huyer; R. O'Malley, OREGON STATE UNIV CORVALLIS COLL OF OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

... variability of the mesoscale eddy/jet field in the eastern boundary current region off northern California. Participants on each cruise are listed in Table 1. The major cruise activities are summarized in Table 2. Each cruise consisted of two legs, and each began with a large-area survey off northern California (Figures 1,2), with sampling on long (400 km) zonal sections separated by 0.25 degrees of latitude. Thirteen ... activities included drifter deployments, transits to/from the experimental site, and an ADCP only survey when heavy weather prevented instrument deployment or recovery.

**The PARKA I Experiment**

Authors: MAURY CENTER FOR OCEAN SCIENCE WASHINGTON DC

... models to ranges out to 2000 miles, and specifically, to test the interim model for predicting long range sound propagation which has been programmed for the CDC 6500 computer at Fleet Numerical Weather Central (FNWC), Monterey, California. This report is bound in two volumes. Volume I presents a description of the experiment, the results of the oceanographic and acoustic measurements, the predicted (computed) transmission loss characteristics based on a ...}

**Climatic Laboratory Evaluation of the HH-53C Helicopter, Data Supplement**

Authors: John L. Barbagallo, AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS DIV WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OH

The HH-53C underwent extreme environmental tests as part of the Category II All Weather tests. Testing was accomplished at the Climatic Laboratory, Eglin AFB, Florida at Eielson AFB, Alaska and in a desert environment at El Centro Naval Air Facility, California. Test data from these tests are published as data supplements to the basic technical reports and are printed under separate cover.

**Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, Model Enhancement Program, Effects of Wind on Circulation in Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors**

Authors: William C. Seaberg; S. R. Venukonda; Lucia W. Chou; David J. Mark, COASTAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER VICKSBURG MS

A previously calibrated numerical three-dimensional hydrodynamic model for Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors, California, was applied to study the combined effects of tide and wind on circulation. The model was calibrated and verified successfully with field data for a summer ... on circulation. Also, wind conditions for approaching (winds from the southeast) and passing (winds from the north) frontal systems, typical of fall-winter patterns, were simulated. Results indicated the effects of wind can be significant. Harbors, Long Beach Harbor, Wind-driven circulation. Hydrodynamics, Numerical ...

**Open Ocean Effectiveness of the Electro-Optical Tactical Decision Aid Mark 111**

Authors: Charles P. McGrath, NAVAL COMMAND CONTROL AND OCEAN SURVEILLANCE CENTER RDT AND E DIV SAN DIEGO CA

...) version 3.0. Detection range data from an airborne forward-looking infrared (FLIR) sensor looking for a ship target in the open ocean off the coast of Monterey, California, are compared to the detection range predictions of the EOTDA. The results show reasonable accuracy during the clear weather portion of the tests, but the EOTDA grossly overpredicted detection ranges when a stratus cloud ceiling prevailed. The portion of the code most responsible for the overprediction is not ...

**Biological and Host Range Studies with Bagous affinis, An Indian Weevil that Destroys Hydrilla Tubers. Aquatic Plant Control Research Program**

Authors: Gary R. Buckingham; Christine A. Bennett, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE GAINESVILLE FL

... introduced into the United States from Africa through the aquarium industry. Two reproductive structures that enable hydriclla to withstand extremely harsh weather conditions are turions or winter buds (dense clusters of apical leaves that are produced in the leaf axils, green and ovoid-conical shaped ... navigation. It is extremely difficult to control because of its varied methods of reproduction. Hydriclla is found in many southern states, California, and recently Virginia, it is removed in most cases by mechanical methods or by using herbicides. Mechanical removal tends to increase the spread ...

**Numerical Modeling of Synoptic Scale Ocean Dynamics**

Authors: Robert N. Miller, OREGON STATE UNIV CORVALLIS

... on theory and practice of data assimilation. Results of a study of the application of optimal interpolation (OI), the data assimilation method most commonly used in numerical weather prediction, to a regional data set were published. In that study, hydrographic data from the California Current were assimilated into the Harvard quasigeostrophic open ocean model. Good results were obtained. A study of the application of advanced data assimilation methods to simple ...
Environmental Observations During the 1995 Adaptive Beach Monitoring Experiment  
Oct 1996  50 pages
Authors:  G. L. D'Spain; R. Shear; R. M. Olivera; J. J. Murray; W. S. Hodgkiss; SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY  
LA JOLLA CA MARINE PHYSICAL LAB

... , electric, environmental, and other ancillary sensor systems were deployed both on the beach and in the near shore waters off the Camp Pendleton Marine Base in Southern California. The purpose of this report is to present and discuss the environmental measurements made during the experiment. These environmental measurements include basic weather data, water sound speed, water depth, ocean surface wave activity, ocean currents, and traffic patterns along Highway 5.

Verification and Validation of the Satellite Marine-Layer/Elevated Duct Height (SMDH) Technique  
Dec 2000  32 pages
Authors:  Mary S. Jordan; Philip A. Durkee; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA DEPT OF METEOROLOGY

This report is the verification and validation of the Satellite Marine-layer/Evaporation Duct Height (SMDH) technique under development by NAWC Point Mugu California. The technique provides an estimate of the cloud-top height of stratuscumulus clouds in the marine boundary layer for the area viewed by a polar orbiting weather satellite. The top of the marine boundary layer is the optimum coupling height for elevated ducts. Knowledge of the elevated duct height over the tactical battlespace is ...

Comparison of Turbulence Over Japan and New Mexico from MST Radar Observations  
Jan 8, 2002  52 pages
Authors:  Gregory D. Nastrom; NASTROM CONSULTING LLC SAUK RAPIDS MN

Observations from Mesosphere-Stratosphere-Troposphere (MST) radars at White Sands, New Mexico, Vandenburg, California, and Shigaraki, Japan, are used to study the relationships between the intensity of refractivity turbulence and large-scale weather conditions. (a) The gravity wave intensity seen by satellites (GPS/MET) agrees with that seen by the radar at White Sands. (b) The gravity wave source mechanisms are different at White ...

Performance of a High Resolution Diagnostic Model for Short Range Mesoscale Wind Forecasts in Complex Terrain  
Sep 2002  146 pages
Authors:  Shawn G. Gallaher; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA

... COAMPS 81, 27, and 9 km forecast model soundings to initialize WOCSS at 3 km is compared to COAMPS forecast at 3km horizontal resolution alone. Four case studies were collected during various weather regimes in Central California. Observations were collected from 5 different agencies and were used for verification of the models. The sensitivity of various WOCSS parameters were also explored. The results showed that overall the COAMPS(9km)/WOCSS ...

Jun 2005  187 pages
Authors:  Curtis Austin; Ralph Boris; Jeffrey Phillips; NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY CA

... case studies that demonstrate uses of solar power in regions similar to Iraq. The report presents four such cases: the Sacramento Municipal Utility District in California and schools in Australia, Mexico, and South Africa. The report then identifies potential commercial solar equipment candidates for different installation configurations, including on-grid, ... details on the components of a solar PV system, maintenance, retailers, assembles, and community applications; Operation Solar Eagle worksheets; and weather data and other data for testing solar PV systems with and without PVPC technology7
Development and Application of an Evaluation Method for the WRF Mesoscale Model

Sep 2005  34 pages

Authors:  Teizi Henmi; Robert Flanigan; Richard Padilla; ARMY RESEARCH LAB WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE NM

This report establishes automated methods of obtaining and archiving initialization and time-dependent lateral condition data for the Weather Research and Forecast (WRF) mesoscale model. The data includes Eta forecast data, MADIS surface data, and upper-air sounding data. Statistical analysis ... been established and are described in detail. In this study, the WRF was applied to model domains surrounding the National Training Center in southern California. A set of 24-hr forecast data of 2-way, coupled domains (with grid resolutions of 18 and 6 km) were statistically compared with surface and ...

A Preliminary to War: The 1st Aero Squadron and the Mexican Punitive Expedition of 1916

2003  64 pages

Authors:  Roger G. Miller; AIR FORCE HISTORICAL STUDIES OFFICE BOLLING AFB DC

... 8 wood, wire, and fabric Curtiss JN-3 biplanes, every airplane owned by the U.S. Army, save those assigned to its aviation school at San Diego, California. The squadron was in Columbus to join an expedition commanded by Brig. Gen. John J. “Black Jack” Pershing. President Woodrow Wilson had ordered Pershing's force into Mexico in ... The squadron also scouted for hostile forces and kept a watch for threats to Pershing's line of communications. These efforts were made in some of the worst weather and poorest conditions imaginable, and by the end of April, all eight airplanes had been destroyed7.