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Subject: ECMWF nature runs for OSSEs

Dear Louis,

I am pleased to inform you that we have nearly completed the agreed nature runs with the ECMWF forecasting system at T511L91 resolution for the period 1 May 2005 to 30 June 2006.

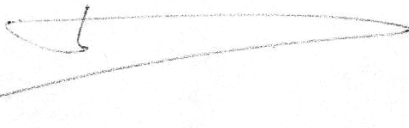
The data will be delivered to NCEP for OSSE experimentation to be undertaken by NCEP and the Joint Centre for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA). The nature runs are provided for research use and any further distribution of the data will require prior agreement from ECMWF. To this extent I already give permission for NCEP to share the data with the JCSDA.

We are about to start shipping the data, most likely on disc media, details to be decided. I understand that on your side Dr. Michiko Masutani and at ECMWF Dr. Erik Andersson are the contact points for the generation and the use of the nature run data sets.

I am very pleased about the progress of the project and I am looking forward to the results from the planned OSSEs.

Yours sincerely,

Dominique Marbouty
Director



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