



NOAA P-3 N42RF H. Rita

Flight ID: 050923H

Sensor or system

Number or Name

INE.....	2
Accelerometer.....	2
Temperature Probe.....	1
Dew Point Probe.....	2
Altimeter (for vertical wind).....	RA-159
Static Pressure.....	Rosemount (fuselage)
Dynamic Pressure.....	Rosemount (fuselage)
Time Source.....	Micro 99

Local Met. Data: Not copied at takeoff

Take off: 1454Z

Land: 0028Z

The RA-232 was substituted for the RA-159 during take off and landing due to spiking (T.O. 145101-145430; 001823-003100 Land).

Dew pointer #1 was substituted for dew pointer #2 001831-002359 with a 3.0 °C offset.

All other instruments functioned normally during the flight.

There were data gaps noted: 145841-145846; 152842-152857; 153117-153121; 153545-153553; 153635-153640; 175399-175307; 183257-183301; 185601- 185610; 192151-195820. NOTE: The large time gap 192151-195820 was due to a data system crash and restart.

There were times during heavy precipitation events (e.g. eye wall penetrations) when the dew point exceeded ambient temperature yielding a RH of greater than 100%. This is probably due to a wet bulb effect on the total temperature probe and/or the dew pointer over heating while trying to remove excess moisture. In these instances, no corrections were attempted.

SPECIAL NOTE: These data have not had Dr. Dave Jorgensen's vertical wind algorithm applied to them. Only the Aircraft Operations Center standard vertical wind algorithm has been applied. A new post-flight data processing algorithm was employed which currently lacks the Jorgensen method. The data can and will be rerun if required by the investigator.

	Take off	Land
Aircraft Static Pressure	1014.5 mb	1013.4 mb
Corrected Tower Pressure	1013.9 mb	1013.9 mb

Flight Director: Tom Shepherd
813-828-3310 x3053

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FLT ID: 050923H	From: KMCF	To: KMCF
Flt No: 05-	In: 0039Z	On: 0028Z
ETD: 1500Z	Out: 1442	Off: 1454Z
ETE: 8 + 30	Blk Time: 9 + 57 10.0 Hrs	Flt Time: 9 + 34 9.6 Hrs
Sponsoring Org: NOAA/NESDIS	Program: HURROS	Purpose: H. RITA

AOC Flight Crew

Aircraft Commander: KENNEDY, P ✓	Data System: MS Millan, S ✓
Co-Pilot: STRONG, T ✓	AVAPS:
Navigator: GALLAGHER, T ✓	System Engineer: KERR, B ✓
Flight Eng: BAST, G ✓	AA:
Flight Director: SHEPHERD, T ✓	AA:
Avionics: OLNEY, B ✓	Crew Chief:

Participating Scientists / Visitors

Name (Last, First)	Activity on Aircraft	Affiliation
CHANG, P ✓	PI	NESDIS
ESTEBAN, D	INRAP/SFMR	↓
ASUZU, P ✓		
CONTRERAS, R ✓		
JALANEK, Z		
BROCK, S	OBS	
MAIOR, T ✓		↓
STENGEL, ERIC ✓		
BLACK, M	HAPS/RADAR	
DESFLOTS, M ✓		U. Wash

Remarks (Storm Name, Mission ID, Recco Times, Fix Times)

Recco Times

Fix #

Fix Time

Storm Name:

Mission ID: NOAA2 WX18A RITA

\$1-1700	\$6-1922
\$2-1739	\$7-2011
\$3-1809	\$8-2031
\$4-1828	\$9-2100
\$5-1907	\$10-2151

27.96
92.49

(See reverse for additional remarks)

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FLT ID: 050923H TIME OFF: 1454 Z TIME ON: 0028 Z

A/C - Takeoff

WX Station - Takeoff

A/C - Land

WX Station - Land

Pressure

1014.5

29.94

1013.4

29.94

ATIS - Takeoff

ATIS - Land

Data Source

Number

Data Disposition / Date / Quality

Flight Level Tapes

4

Radar Tapes

1

Cloud Physics Tapes /
CdsVideo Tapes ~~Tapes~~ DVD's

Dropsondes

33

Good:

30

Bad:

3

Total:

17 NESDIS / 16 RADEX

AXB T

AXCP

AXCTD

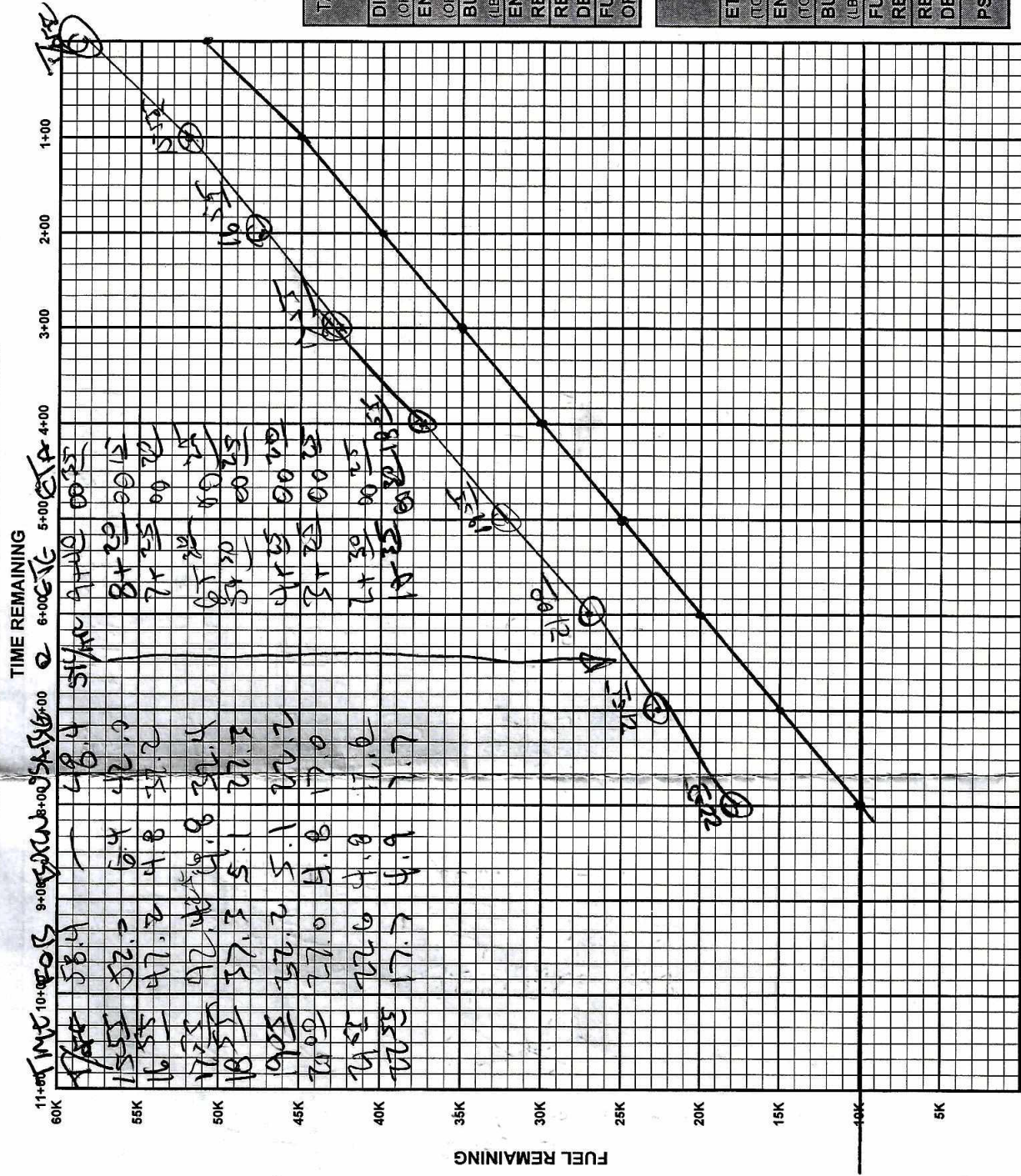
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REMARKS:

~1504 Bal DP#1

23-38.8 092-43.4

RANGE CONTROL GRAPH

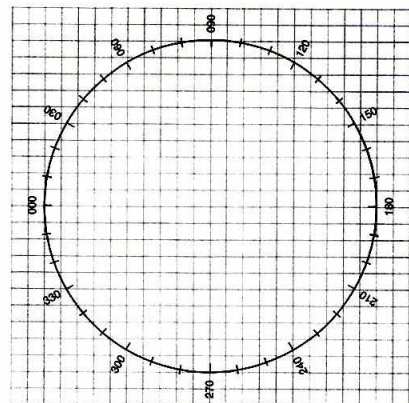


ENROUTE FUEL	
ENROUTE TIME	8+00
ENROUTE FUEL (6K 5K 4.5K RULE)	41.0
RESERVE AT DESTINATION	10.0
REQUIRED RAMP	51.0
ACTUAL RAMP FUEL	58.4

TACTICAL (OFFSTA TO DESTINATION)	
DISTANCE (OFFSTA TO DEST)	
ENROUTE TIME (OFFSTA TO DEST)	
BURN RATE (LBS/HR)	4500
ENROUTE FUEL	5500
RESERVE AT DESTINATION	
FUEL AT OFFSTA	

POINT OF SAFE RETURN	
ETP DISTANCE (TO DEPARTURE)	
ENROUTE TIME (TO DEPARTURE)	
BURN RATE (LBS/HR)	4500
FUEL	5500
REQUIRED RESERVE AT DEPARTURE	
PSR FUEL	

CEX - TRUE BEARING METHOD	
COMPASS TYPE	INS1 INS2 WET
MCH (READING)	
- MTH (SEXTANT)	
CE	
- VAR	
DEV	
CEX - ERB METHOD	
COMPASS TYPE	INS1 INS2 WET
MERB (DIAL 000)	
+ ZN	
= MTH	
MCH (READING)	
CE	
- VAR	
= DEV	



WIND FACTOR	
WINDSPEED	HEADWIND TAILWIND
10	1.03 .97
20	1.06 .94
30	1.10 .92
40	1.14 .89
50	1.18 .87
60	1.22 .85

PRESS ALT	
10,000	1.0 .99
20,000	.99 .97
30,000	.97 .95
40,000	.96 .92

TRUE AIRSPEED CROSS-CHECK				
TIME	IAS	PRESS ALT	"F" FACTOR	OAT TAS ITAS

DISTANCE REMAINING

ETP = .5(TOTAL DISTANCE x OUTBOUND WIND FACTOR)

N42RF AVAPS DROP LOG

Project : Hurricane '05

Mission : RITA ^{1+RD1} O.W./RXFlight ID : 050923H

Take Off :

Landing :

Drop #	Sonde Serial #	Rcvr #	Press Offset	Launch Time	Winds Time	Operator	Comments	Good ?
1	051 926 059	1	0	1645	03	Kerr	RX	✓
2	044 535 350	2	0	1655	03		RX	✓
3	044 535 419	1	0	1700	03		RX	✓
4	044 535 297	2	0	1707	~90		RX; late winds	
5	044 135 152	1	-.4	1716	03		RX	✓
6	044 415 227	2	0	1725	09		RX; BT	✓
7	044 535 070	1	0	1733	03		RX	✓
8	051 926 062	2	0	1739	03		RX	✓
9	044 535 073	1	0	1746	03		RX	✓
10	044 535 078	2	0	1754	03		RX	✓
11	053 166 014	1	0	1807	✓		OW	✓
12	053 166 129	5	0	1808	✓		OW	✓
13	053 166 139	6	0	1808	✓		OW	✓
14	044 535 079	2	-.4	1809	✓		RX	✓
15	044 535 075	1	0	1848	03	✓	RX	✓
16	053 166 134	2	0	1907	12	OW/RX	OW	✓
17	053 166 144	1	0	2011	10		ow	✓
18	044 535 575	1	0	2021			RX	
19	044 535 573	2	0	2022	06		RX	
20	053 166 005	3	0	2026	10		ow	
21	053 166 141	4	0	2030	—		OW NO LAUNCH DET	
22	053 166 080	1	-.3	2030	—		OW NO LAUNCH	
23	053 166 081	5	0	2038			OW CH5 NO LAUNCH BUT WINDS	
24	044 535 568	6	0	2049			RX	
25	053 166 137	1	0	2138	✓		ow	✓
26	053 166 136	2	0	2138	✓		ow	✓
27	053 166 133	7	0	2139	✓		ow	✓
28	044 535 003	8	0	2139	✓		RX	✓
29	053 156 049	1	0	2151	✓		ow	✓
30	053 166 140	5	0	2157	✓		ow	✓
31	053 166 135	3	0	2158	✓		ow	✓
32	044 535 076	1	0	2213	10	✓	BT RX	✓
33	044 535 576	1	0	2245	10		BT RX	

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Time	Lat	Lon	TA	TD	Trk	Hdg	RA	PS	SP	WD	WS	WZ	Comments
144214	27 50.94	-82 29.58	27.9	19.9	134.8	135.0	12.0	1014.6	1016.0	124.9	4.6	96.3	Block out
145342	27 50.82	-82 31.38	27.6	18.2	40.4	41.6	-4.0	1015.3	1014.9	137.3	3.6	1.2	Take off
151915	27 46.68	-84 2.40	4.6	1.3	261.8	260.3	4045.0	632.3	1014.5	130.4	5.1	.0	Sect blo, Ci abv; 12.5k PA
154340	27 35.52	-86 2.76	5.8	.0	258.5	251.5	4021.0	632.9	1011.0	160.4	17.3	-5	Just went thru first outer band
162357	27 36.48	-89 24.84	7.0	2.3	272.8	260.3	3920.0	634.8	1000.5	171.6	29.5	.4	Descend 7K RA
162928	27 37.02	-89 51.48	16.0	13.2	270.3	252.7	2128.0	782.5	998.3	170.6	38.1	-1.1	7K RA; 115 nm out, inbound
164516	27 37.38	-91 3.18	16.2	14.8	268.9	247.5	2121.0	770.5	981.8	169.2	47.0	.3	D1 R (R-Rainex, N = NESDIS for today)
165529	27 38.34	-91 48.36	17.3	14.7	269.8	241.6	2121.0	743.1	946.1	181.4	60.4	3.5	D2 R east eyewall -
170025	27 37.68	-92 9.48	19.3	13.8	248.4	247.7	2131.0	731.9	931.4	255.5	2.1	.3	D3 cntr NHC PEN 1 -
170724	27 38.04	-92 21.96	20.8	13.9	269.5	289.6	2101.0	741.4	939.2	354.8	43.6	-1.2	D4 R west eyewall -
171703	27 35.34	-93 5.16	16.4	11.5	213.1	218.2	2152.0	766.0	979.7	15.6	38.3	-1.8	D5 R 50 mi W cntr -
172446	27 9.66	-92 39.12	16.7	.1	114.2	110.6	2133.0	764.1	975.9	310.6	31.5	.2	D6 R; BT1 (one misfire) -
173353	27 11.52	-92 5.28	19.5	8.9	.6	345.1	1526.0	816.4	971.6	244.6	37.5	.5	D7 R abt 30 mi S of cntr -
173932	27 34.44	-92 8.94	22.7	13.0	347.5	326.8	1510.0	792.2	939.1	251.4	46.3	4.9	D8 R; S eyewall PEN 2 -
174558	28 1.20	-92 12.42	19.7	13.0	1.9	36.9	1550.0	790.2	942.5	110.1	71.6	-2.1	D9 R N eyewall -
175422	28 32.64	-92 16.32	18.9	4.7	293.6	300.0	1526.0	821.9	978.7	99.2	54.3	-2	D10 R 50 mi N of cntr -
180051	28 15.12	-92 49.68	18.8	4.4	226.0	222.6	1507.0	821.5	976.3	53.2	51.1	.9	Turn to trk 135 inbound
180730	28 0.42	-92 33.48	19.5	-12.2	119.7	93.4	1513.0	801.6	953.3	42.9	58.3	1.7	D11 N
180751	27 59.88	-92 32.40	19.3	-14.3	120.0	93.0	1519.0	799.1	951.1	41.0	56.7	1.1	D12 N
180835	27 58.80	-92 30.12	19.7	-4.7	117.6	91.7	1504.0	795.4	944.8	42.4	61.1	8.3	D13 N
180845	27 58.50	-92 29.58	20.8	-2.6	120.1	98.0	1508.0	794.7	943.7	46.5	50.7	-6	
180911	27 57.84	-92 28.20	21.3	-1.0	118.9	98.9	1496.0	793.1	940.2	36.2	45.6	2.6	D14 R PEN 3 -
181443	27 56.22	-92 31.32	20.1	3.6	285.6	307.1	1527.0	790.6	940.9	29.4	45.4	-2.3	Ovr Fly splash
182742	27 53.58	-92 31.98	23.3	-24.1	89.9	76.4	1425.0	796.6	936.2	4.1	29.6	-1.7	Back in the eye for mx on dropsonde chute; will orbit
some.....	PEN 4												
184604	27 49.98	-92 26.40	20.9	13.9	223.7	226.9	1515.0	785.6	932.7	308.8	5.2	-5	Mx complete; B.O. "engineering" did it
184833	27 42.96	-92 33.96	21.8	15.4	223.2	246.9	1518.0	796.3	945.1	312.1	47.6	-5.2	D15 R SW eyewall - 12
190646	27 43.62	-92 22.26	22.8	1.7	354.8	329.5	1513.0	793.9	942.0	261.2	55.2	-4.1	D16 N South eyewall PEN 5
191252	27 44.46	-92 19.44	20.6	7.3	273.3	200.0	1545.0	793.1	945.5	245.9	56.0	-9	Mark spl drop16
191545	27 35.64	-92 18.90	20.1	6.0	236.0	242.6	1541.0	806.4	961.2	248.2	44.9	-2	Turn to trk 360 back inbound
192143	27 56.46	-92 26.52	21.0	-45.1	331.1	327.5	1512.0	785.3	933.2	225.1	7.9	.6	Shut down MDS - ASDL troubleshooting
192151	27 56.94	-92 26.82	21.3	-63.3	328.4	326.0	1511.0	785.6	933.3	228.0	7.0	1.0	In eye orbiting - PEN 6 (Tom's 200th)
200752	27 42.96	-92 18.18	20.9	1.2	64.7	68.4	1530.0	808.8	962.6	233.8	44.7	-8.1	No ASDL now; went out, hdg back in
201103	27 55.80	-92 21.00	20.7	-19.9	334.6	312.5	1511.0	794.5	944.1	223.3	51.3	2.3	D17 N SE eyewall PEN 7
202125	28 14.34	-92 17.40	19.7	-28.0	50.0	79.0	1530.0	794.2	946.3	152.2	60.3	.9	D18 N
202216	28 16.44	-92 14.58	19.0	-53.4	50.2	78.8	1503.0	802.2	953.4	146.7	58.5	-4	D19 R outbound -
203025	28 19.74	-92 10.98	18.4	9.5	233.8	205.3	1521.0	805.5	958.7	144.2	59.0	1.2	D20 N
203045	28 19.02	-92 12.06	19.1	10.6	234.8	207.8	1501.0	806.0	956.7	144.9	57.6	.0	D21 N
203056	28 18.66	-92 12.66	19.3	10.2	234.6	205.6	1519.0	803.8	956.0	146.1	59.1	.7	D22 N no launch Pen 8
203843	28 21.84	-92 15.12	18.8	-39.0	50.2	79.6	1531.0	802.2	956.5	144.7	57.8	-1.2	D23 N NE eyewall
203907	28 22.80	-92 13.92	18.8	-57.3	50.9	77.2	1504.0	806.7	959.0	140.4	55.8	-1	Mark spl drop20
204556	28 41.88	-91 58.44	19.5	-31.0	315.5	316.8	1517.0	821.2	977.2	134.5	52.3	.4	BT2
205725	28 32.64	-92 40.62	19.0	-37.7	174.9	148.7	1508.0	803.4	955.3	85.5	57.1	.3	D24 N North eyewall - no launch det.
205952	28 24.36	-92 39.72	20.5	-115.1	172.4	157.9	1512.0	789.0	937.9	78.2	33.0	2.2	In eye again - PEN 9
213805	28 34.08	-92 40.92	19.9	-29.9	2.0	29.0	1515.0	792.0	942.1	115.1	58.7	1.5	D25 N
213835	28 36.24	-92 40.86	20.2	-30.3	358.5	32.1	1566.0	791.9	947.1	110.4	69.5	-3	D26 N
213912	28 38.58	-92 40.80	19.0	-44.7	2.6	33.2	1557.0	796.9	952.9	100.2	61.0	-3.4	D27 N
213939	28 40.20	-92 40.74	19.7	-98.7	.8	31.0	1524.0	802.6	955.7	98.3	59.1	-1.9	D28 R outbound N eyewall - 14
214517	28 59.04	-92 39.06	18.7	9.2	134.7	121.9	1521.0	817.7	973.1	103.0	58.1	-1	Turn back inbound

215114	28.38.28	-92.44.16	19.7	-9	192.1	162.9	1490.0	800.5	949.2	88.8	58.8	1.2
215130	28.37.26	-92.44.46	18.8	.2	194.2	165.9	1486.0	798.8	947.2	88.4	61.0	-.3
215749	28.34.92	-92.48.66	20.6	9.7	8.2	29.3	1528.0	790.4	940.3	90.5	44.9	-2.4
215843	28.38.04	-92.48.24	18.2	9.9	7.1	36.5	1655.0	783.4	946.6	84.0	65.1	-2.6
220431	28.54.96	-92.42.66	19.3	15.5	55.0	70.6	1510.0	814.7	967.5	98.8	48.1	.8
220938	28.55.98	-92.30.12	19.3	15.5	106.5	109.9	1506.0	816.9	969.7	117.8	50.5	1.0
221339	28.52.98	-92.20.94	18.8	15.4	119.3	122.4	1521.0	816.0	970.6	126.4	55.2	.7
222648	28.34.98	-91.58.26	16.4	12.5	77.5	101.0	2261.0	752.3	973.8	159.7	51.2	.1
224200	28.37.74	-91.1.92	14.1	9.4	52.4	70.8	2429.0	751.8	994.1	162.8	43.1	.6
224415	28.40.74	-90.52.62	14.9	9.6	80.1	98.5	2432.0	752.8	994.9	160.1	39.3	-.5
224422	28.40.80	-90.52.14	14.2	10.4	80.0	98.2	2435.0	752.8	995.7	157.6	38.8	-1.0
225828	28.46.38	-89.48.06	2.4	-17.5	74.3	88.9	4819.0	569.5	1001.5	165.9	33.1	.3
233652	28.15.12	-86.28.44	-3.5	-17.7	110.0	112.2	5682.0	515.6	1010.3	172.9	7.0	.5
002824	27.50.46	-82.31.74	28.9	-119.	38.9	41.9	-4.0	1014.8	1014.4	163.0	3.5	.5
003838	27.50.94	-82.29.58	-.3	10.8	131.7	133.9	-3.0	250.1	250.0	135.2	27.1	-10.8

~~030~~ N north eyeway inbound PEN 10

Mark spl drop25

~~030~~ n

~~031~~ N north eyewall Over stred AC

RTB at this time

BT 3 no good

~~032~~ BT 4 -

Now 8K PA

Picking thru another line.....

BT 5

~~033~~ R; end science - 16

Climb FL175

Land

Block in