

Brief Information about Tropical Depression Two-E
15-19 May 1996

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On the 10th of May, cloudiness and thunderstorms began to increase over a portion of the ITCZ several hundred miles to the south of Acapulco, Mexico. This area of disturbed weather was not readily traceable back to an Atlantic tropical wave. As the area of weather moved slowly westward over the next few days, the cloud pattern became better organized and, by the 14th, showed signs of a low-level circulation. It is estimated that the system developed into a tropical depression around 1200 UTC 15 May, while located a little over 500 n mi south-southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. On this first day of its existence, the depression was as well-organized as it would ever be. In fact, deep convection practically dissipated near the depression by early on the 16th. The cyclone was quasi-stationary or drifting very slowly for a day or so and then moved generally westward at an average speed near 5 knots. Although deep convection occasionally redeveloped near the center over the next couple of days, there was no strengthening of the system. On the 18th, the depression's organization deteriorated markedly, and the system dissipated at 0600 UTC 19 May.

Table 1. Preliminary best track, Tropical Depression Two-E,
15-19 May, 1996.

Date/Time (UTC)	Position		Pressure (mb)	Wind Speed (kt)	Stage
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°W)			
15/1200	12.8	108.7	1007	30	Tropical Depression
1800	12.8	108.5	1006	30	" "
16/0000	12.9	108.3	1007	30	" "
0600	13.0	108.4	1007	30	" "
1200	13.0	108.6	1007	30	" "
1800	13.1	109.0	1007	30	" "
17/0000	13.2	109.5	1007	30	" "
0600	13.2	110.0	1007	30	" "
1200	13.1	110.4	1007	30	" "
1800	13.0	111.0	1007	30	" "
18/0000	13.0	111.8	1007	30	" "
0600	13.1	112.5	1007	30	" "
1200	13.3	113.2	1007	25	" "
1800	13.5	113.8	1008	25	" "
19/0000	13.6	114.4	1009	20	" "
0600					Dissipated

15/1800	12.8	108.5	1006	30	Minimum Pressure