

# MPE Website Getting Started

- <http://www.nc-climate.ncsu.edu/dot/>
- Request an account.
  - Fill out information and submit.
  - You will receive an email confirming registration and password.



# Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimates (MPE)



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Precipitation Map

Add Projects



Project Precip. Alerts

Welcome, Ben DeWit. Use the links above or below to navigate this website.

[View a tutorial](#) on the usage of this website.

The precipitation estimates provided herein are derived from the NWS WSR-88D Doppler Radar. Radar precipitation estimates can be grossly inaccurate, so radar-based precipitation values are calibrated with the routinely available hourly surface gages. The combined product provides the spatial resolution of radar with the increased accuracy of surface gage networks. These gage-calibrated radar estimates are known as Multi-sensor Precipitation Estimates, or MPE.



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### Multi-Precipitation Estimates for DOT Projects

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Page loaded on Jun 29, 2009 at 2:32pm.

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Showing all 2 projects that Ben DeWit is subscribed to receive alerts from.  
[Show all projects](#)

**Add Project** or [Subscribe to an Existing Project](#)

1. Click My Projects
2. Click Add Project



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### Add Project

This creates a project name and placeholder for sites. After it is created, you'll be able to add site latitudes/longitudes.

Project Name:

Submit

3. Enter Project Name and click submit



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Click "Map" to select monitoring locations

Select layers you want visible on the map

Zoom to project location

**Select Layers:**

**MPE:**

- Precip estimate
- My Project Sites

**Geographic:**

- County lines
- Cities
- Rivers and Streams
- Shaded relief

**Transportation:**

- Interstates
- Primary Roads
- Secondary Roads

**Special Layers:**

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**Time Period:**

Last 24 hours

Map depicts previous 24 hours ending at 7am on Jun 29, 2009, EST using the 6-hour files.

**Legend:**

- <= 0.1 in.
- 0.1 - 0.2 in.
- 0.2 - 0.3 in.
- 0.3 - 0.4 in.
- 0.4 - 0.5 in.
- 0.5 - 0.6 in.
- 0.6 - 0.7 in.
- 0.7 - 0.8 in.
- 0.8 - 0.9 in.
- 0.9 - 1 in.
- 1 - 1.1 in.
- 1.1 - 1.2 in.
- 1.2 - 1.3 in.
- > 1.3 in.
- County Lines

# Adding locations using the map

**Select Layers:**

**MPE:**

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- My Project Sites

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- Shaded relief
- HUC-6
- HUC-8

**Transportation:**

- Interstates
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**Special Layers:**

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**Time Period:**

Last 7 days

Map depicts previous 168 hours ending at 7am on Aug 6, 2009, EST using the daily files.

**Legend:**

- <= 0.3 in.
- 0.3 - 0.6 in.
- 0.6 - 0.9 in.
- 0.9 - 1.2 in.
- 1.2 - 1.5 in.
- 1.5 - 1.8 in.
- 1.8 - 2.1 in.
- 2.1 - 2.4 in.
- 2.4 - 2.7 in.
- 2.7 - 3 in.
- 3 - 3.3 in.
- 3.3 - 3.6 in.

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2. Click on the mark to add location to your alerts

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### MPE:

- Precip estimate
- My Project Sites

### Geographic:

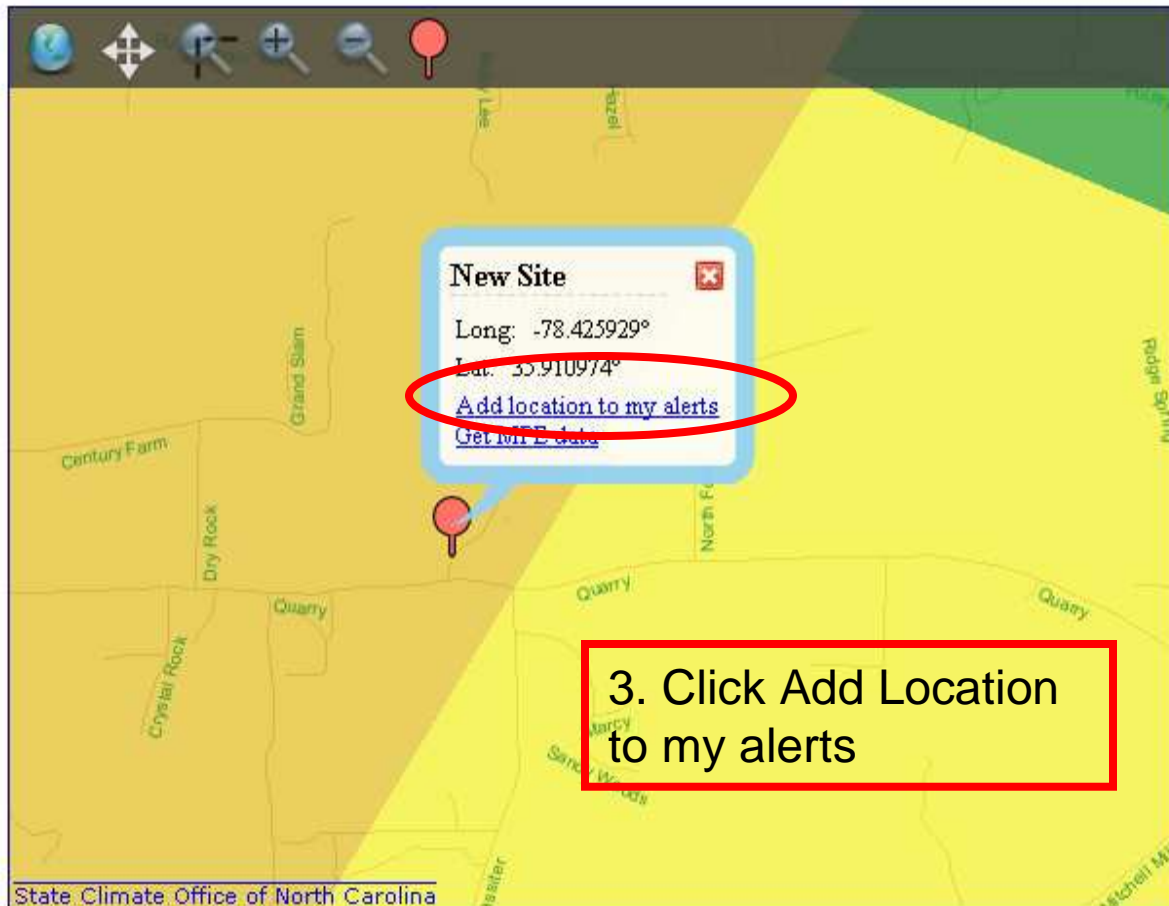
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-  1 - 1.1 in.
-  1.1 - 1.2 in.



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## Add a Site to a Project

You may use [the map](#) or [TopoZone.com](#) to help determine your specific latitude/longitude.

Select the project for this site:

SR 1000 or [create a new project](#)

Site Name:

Site Latitude:

degrees

Site Longitude:

degrees

Alert Threshold:

>= 0.5 inches within 24 hours

Alert Status:

On  
 Off

4. Select the Project

5. Enter site specific name within the project

6. User can find project by entering Lat/Long or by using the map

7. Set email alert threshold to 1.0 inches within 24 hrs for NPDES inspections.

Submit and go to My Projects

Submit and add another



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Users have ability to enter multiple locations for one project.

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**SR 1000**  
Created by [Ben DeWit](#) on Jul 23, 2009    1 people subscribed

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	Lat, Lon	Last Alert:	Alert Switch	Alert Threshold:	Precipitation (in.) previous hours				Sums ending at (EST)	More Data
					in. / hours	6	12	24		
Site 1	35.910395 -78.42598	never	on	0.5 / 24	0	0	0	0	Jul 23, 7am	<a href="#">[past]</a> <a href="#">[forecast]</a>
Site 2	35.917306 -78.41459	never	on	0.5 / 24	0	0	0	0	Jul 23, 7am	<a href="#">[past]</a> <a href="#">[forecast]</a>

## SR 1000

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	Lat, Lon	Last Alert:	Alert Switch	Alert Threshold: in. / hours	Precipitation (in.) previous hours				Sums ending at (EST)	More Data
					6	12	24	48		
Site 1	35.910395 -78.42598	never	on	0.5 / 24	0	0	0	0	Jul 23, 7am	<a href="#">[past]</a> <a href="#">[forecast]</a>
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### Get More MPE Data for I-540 Wake

Start Date:

End Date:

Location:  
\*\* You can also use the [map](#) to get data from a point.  
Latitude: 35.77082  
Longitude: -78.506

Period:

1. Click on "past" to obtain rainfall data

2. Select a start and end date and the period for the rainfall data

## Get More MPE Data for Site 1

**Date Range:** 2009-07-05 thru 2009-07-11

**Site:** Site 1

**Latitude:** 35.910395 **Longitude:** -78.42598

**Alert Threshold**  $\geq 0.5$  within 24 hours

**Project:** SR 1000

**Other Associated Sites:**

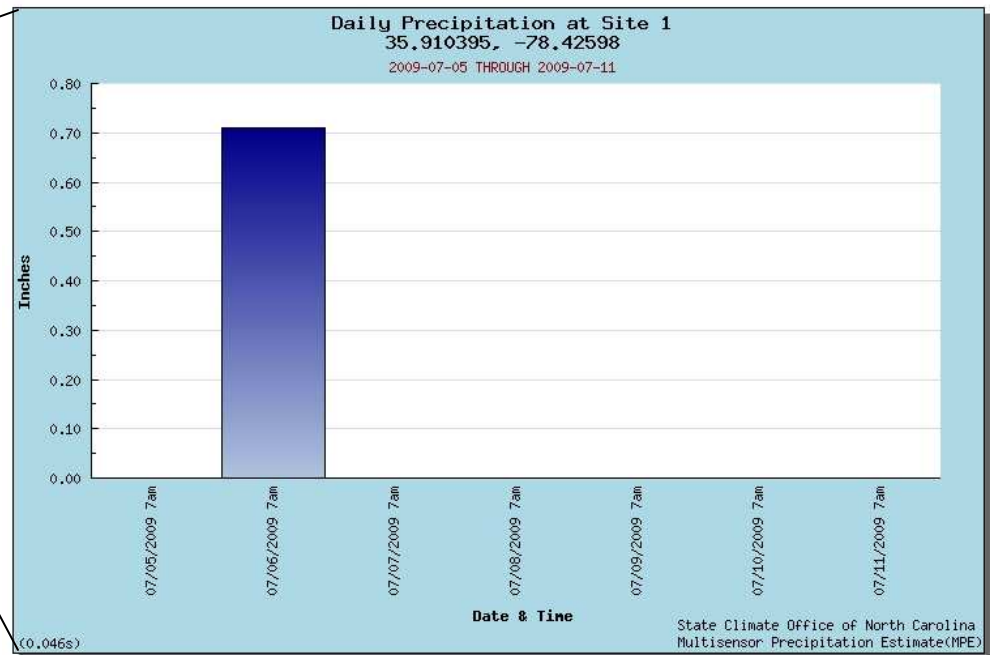
[Site 2](#)

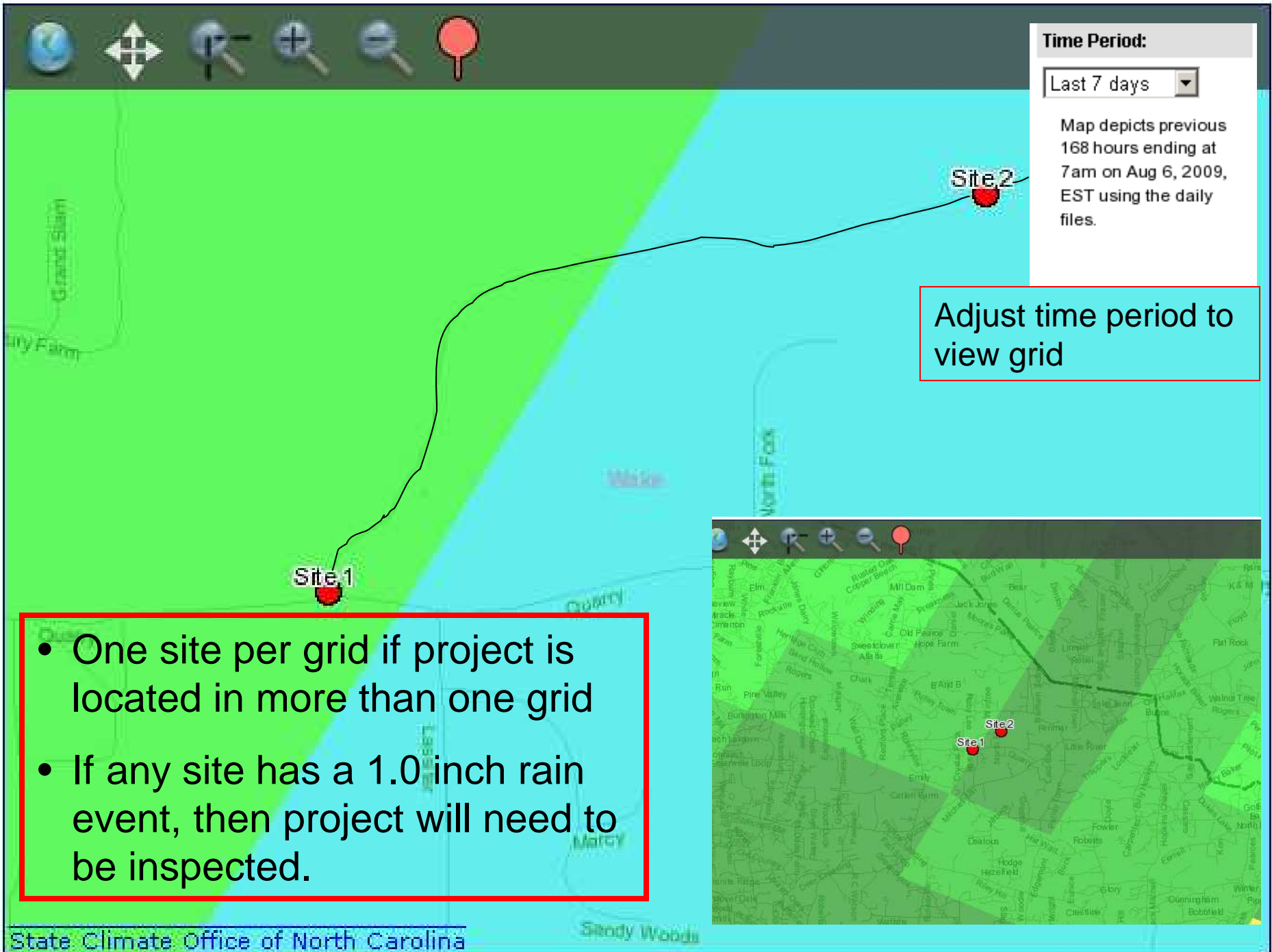
[Site 1](#)

Rainfall Data for the selected date range and period.

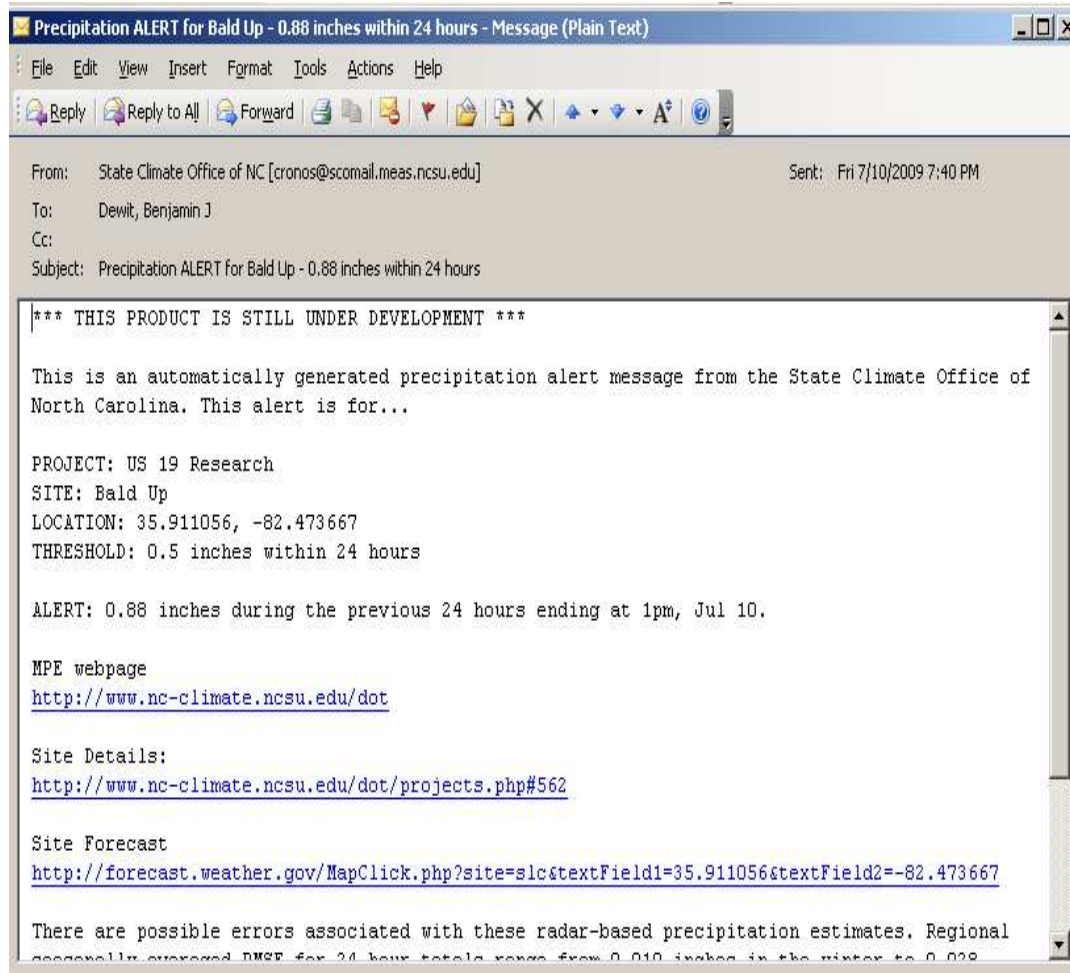
Click the Graph Icon to display graph of rainfall data

Observation Date & Time (EST)	Precipitation (inches)
2009-07-05 07:00:00	0
2009-07-06 07:00:00	0.709
2009-07-07 07:00:00	0
2009-07-08 07:00:00	0
2009-07-09 07:00:00	0
2009-07-10 07:00:00	0
2009-07-11 07:00:00	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.709</b>





# Email Alert



- Receive email alerts for 1.0 inch rainfall within 24 hrs.
- Alerts user to make inspection



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## Precipitation Alerts - Change Alert Subscriptions for Ben DeWit

Listed below are all projects. If you are currently subscribed to receive e-mail alerts from a project, the column to the left will be selected. If you do not currently receive alerts for a particular project, the column to the right will be selected. Change these selections as you wish and press the submit button to make them effective immediately.

E-mail alerts are generated four times daily when the latest 6-hour MPE file is processed. 6-hour files end at 1am, 7am, 1pm, and 7pm EST. Alerts are generated within a few hours after each time period ends.

User may subscribe to other users projects by clicking "My Alerts"

Subscribe	PROJECT NAME	Unsubscribe
<input type="radio"/>	24/27 R-0967 CC <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	37740 <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	37748 <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	601 Widening Monroe to Pageland <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	6C.078088 SR 2432 Roberta Road <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	acc <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Airports <a href="#">[details]</a>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

# Questions



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