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1. Introduction. Central Region (CR) supplements adapt procedural directives to address regional requirements. This supplement addresses the regional process for developing, revising, certifying, and rescinding supplements. Information contained in supplements remains in effect until superseded, certified, or rescinded.

2. Authority.

2.1 Directors' Office. The Regional Director is authorized to issue supplements. This authority may be delegated to the Deputy Regional Director or Chief Operations Officer in the absence of the Director. The Deputy Regional Director has the overall responsibility for the supplement process.

2.2 Division Chiefs. Division Chiefs are responsible for the content of supplements affecting their division's operational areas. Division Chiefs will be the authority in determining the requirement for CR supplements and may delegate supplement development and update responsibility to regional program managers. Division Chiefs have the authority to sign the Certification Memorandum for a supplement which they have certified.

2.3 Regional Program Managers. Regional Program Managers, hereinafter referred to as the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR), are responsible for developing and updating supplements in their area of responsibility. Appendix A addresses the development and updating of supplements. Appendix B addresses the certification and rescission of supplements.

2.4 Field Office. The MIC/HIC notifies the office staff of the implementation of new or revised supplements and ensures compliance to supplement requirements. All field office staff are encouraged to actively participate in the supplement process by providing comments directly to the OPR as well as the appropriate Division Chief.

3. Supplement Development, Revision, and Rescission. All supplements will be developed, coordinated, and finalized in accordance with the instructions provided in Appendix A. Exhibit 1 in Appendix A depicts steps in process.

3.1 Numbering, Posting, and Retention Responsibility. Once a supplement has completed the development and review process, it is assigned a number by the Regional Director's designated Administrative Support Assistant (ASA) and signed by the Regional Director (RD). The ASA enters the effective date on the banner page and converts the file to .pdf format, forwarding it to the Management and Organization Division of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer (W/CFO3). A signed hard copy of each supplement will be maintained at the regional headquarters and will remain on file five years after its cancellation date.

- 3.2 Revisions. CR supplements will undergo a biennial review based on the initial effective date or the biennium date of the supplement. Unscheduled or emergency updates to a supplement may be processed any time but must follow the process as outlined in Appendix A.
- 3.3 Certifications. Supplements that are determined to be valid and require no revisions will be certified as current. The OPR should follow the procedures as outlined in Appendix B.
- 3.4 Rescissions. Supplements that are determined to be outdated and no longer required will be rescinded. The OPR should follow the procedures as outlined in Appendix B.
- 3.5 Correction of Errors. Corrections that would change the supplement's impact require new coordination with the affected offices and union. Administrative type changes (i.e. correct misspelled word, broken web link, or correct date) do not require new coordination. The OPR should follow the correction of errors procedures outlined in Appendix A.

**APPENDIX A**

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1. Requirement Assessment. Topics that continually generate questions, confusion or complaints are candidates for a supplement. Coordinating with the Division Chief, the OPR will:
  - a. Determine the need for a supplement issuance or update.
  - b. Solicit and review input from NWS field offices, other divisions, other regions, National Weather Service Headquarters (NWSH), and National Centers, as appropriate.
2. Composition and Internal Review. Based on coordinated input, the OPR will:
  - a) Compose a draft supplement using the NOAA standard word-processing software program and the regional supplement template which includes the banner page. It is the responsibility of the composer to follow the established NWS format for punctuation, indentation, and grammar as outlined in the procedural directive. A Table of Contents will be included when the supplement and/or an appendix contain more than one section, and it should be automatically generated using the internal feature of the word processor. Appendices should be created in a separate document file using the regional Supplement Appendix template. (*Note:* All regional templates and user resources may be downloaded from the Central Region Intranet web page from the main link labeled “Directive/Supplements DAO’s & NAO’s” under the CR Supplement Resources link.)
  - b) Route the draft supplement via electronic mail (email) to Division Chiefs and to appropriate CRH staff personnel affected by supplement for review and comments. CRH personnel will be allowed at least five working days to review the document. This review period may be longer as determined by the OPR.
  - c) Review comments and incorporate them appropriately into the draft supplement.
  - d) Provide a draft supplement to Director’s Office designated ASA for checking of format, Table of Contents, and overall appearance.
3. External Review. The draft supplement is now ready for the external review process. The OPR will:
  - a. Attach the draft supplement file to an email message, sending it to field office MICs/HICs, appropriate station management team members and appropriate NWSH Program Managers for a review period of least 15 working days. If no comments are received after the review period, approval is assumed.
  - b. Review comments and incorporate them appropriately into the draft supplement. The steps in 3a and 3b may repeat more than once to develop the best possible compromise version.

- c. Provide the revised draft supplement to appropriate Division Chief for review.
  - d. Upon receiving approval from the Division Chief, present the draft supplement to the Deputy Director who will forward file to NWSEO regional chair to begin the 15 day union review process. If no comments are received after the review period, union approval is assumed.
  - e. Review and incorporate union comments appropriately. The review process in steps 3c through 3e may repeat until the best possible compromise version is drafted. If matters of conflict dealing with national policy and procedures remain unresolved, the national headquarters office responsible for managing the functional area addressed by the supplement will have final decision authority.
4. Finalization. The draft supplement is now ready for final processing. The Director's Office designated ASA will:
- a. Receive the final draft supplement from the OPR.
  - b. Perform final editing, assign the supplement number and obtain Director's signature on hard copy.
  - c. Coordinate with the OPR on the desired effective date. Normally an effective date of 14 calendar days from the date the official hard copy was signed is placed in the effective date field on the banner page of the electronic soft copy.
  - d. Convert the supplement document file into a .pdf file, using the established NDS file naming convention for file name.
  - e. Check the .pdf format using Adobe Acrobat, checking for bookmarks and active links. **NOTE:** Sensitive information, such as home phone numbers or homeland security procedures must be reviewed to determine its appropriateness before sending the supplement to W/CFO3 for posting.
  - f. Send an email notification message with the attached supplement .pdf file to the W/CFO3 for posting on the National Directives website. The notification message contents will serve as official notification that the supplement was signed by the RD and that it was reviewed by the regional union representative. The clearance date, day in which union representative responded to review call or in the case of no response, the end of the 15 working day review period, needs to be included in the message. The Division Chiefs, OPR, and CR NDS Announcements mailing list participants will be carbon copy (cc:) recipients.
5. Retention. The signed hard copy of each supplement will be filed at the regional headquarters and will remain on file five years after its cancellation date. The RD's

designated ASA will file the supplement in the file repository located in the administrative area adjacent to Director's Office area.

6. Biennial Review. Supplements will be reviewed biennially based on their biennium review date. W/CFO3 will send an email update notice to the supplement's OPR 90 days prior to this date. The OPR will assess the need to revise, certify, or rescind the current supplement. This appendix is used for the revising process, and Appendix B is used for the certification and rescission process.
  7. Correction of Errors. Normally, changes made for administrative type errors will not need to complete the coordination and review phase as required for initial or updates of supplements. Types of changes that do not require coordination are listed in Appendix C of the reference NWS procedural directive. The OPR can work directly with the Regional Director's Office designated ASA to make the necessary corrections. If the OPR is not sure if a correction would have significant impact on affected offices and the union, the correction/s will be discussed with the OPR's Division Chief. Corrections deemed as having significant impact will be coordinated and reviewed by affected offices and the union.
- 7.1 Resubmitting Procedures for Corrected Supplements. The RD's designated ASA will follow the same steps as outlined above to finalize and submit corrected document to W/CFO3 to include the following steps:
- a. Email W/CFO3 at [nws.hq.aa.cfo3.directives@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.hq.aa.cfo3.directives@noaa.gov) to confirm change and notification requirements were met.
  - b. Provide W/CFO3 for the record memorandum signed by RD, indicating changes made, date made, and reason they were made.

**Exhibit 1 – Central Region Headquarters’ Supplement Process**

3. OPR updates supplement as required using CRH staff comments
5. The OPR reviews Supplement and provides it to field managers (MIC/HICs), and WSH to begin review period of at least 15 working days
2. Draft supplement routed to Division Chiefs and other CRH staff personnel affected by supplement for review/ comments for at least five working days
4. RD’s designated ASA checks format, Table of Contents & overall appearance
1. OPR drafts Supplement using regional template
6. The OPR reviews comments and updates supplement appropriately
7. The OPR provides supplement to Division Chief for review
8. Draft supplement to Deputy Director to begin the 15 working days NWSEO union review period
9. The OPR reviews union comments and makes necessary changes to
10. OPR submits supplement to RD through Division Chief for final review
11. RD’s designated ASA performs final edit, assigns supplement number and obtains RD’s signature
12. RD’s designated ASA dates hardcopy, converts file to .pdf format and forwards supplement file to WSH CFO3
13. CFO3 Webmaster posts supplement to NWS Directive internet site and notifies NWS supervisors via email
- 12a. A carbon copy of

message is also sent to  
Division Chiefs, OPR and CR  
NDS employee mailing list to  
provide status of posting.

14. Supplement Process  
Finished

**Note:** The draft supplement may  
repeat the review process in steps 6  
through 8 more than once to  
develop the best possible  
compromise version before  
proceeding to step 9.

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