PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT ON AWIPS UPDATE/OUTAGE

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Albany New York will be conducting a required, scheduled update to their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) system from June 16, 2025 at 7 AM through approximately June 18, 2025 at 4 PM. The NWS uses the AWIPS computer system to display and integrate weather and water information, and to send life-saving information, such as weather and water warnings, to the public.

During the time of the update, forecast operations will be conducted by NWS Albany staff at our service back-up office in Burlington Vermont to minimize any potential interruption to services. No impacts to our core services of forecast products and weather watches, warnings and advisories are expected during this period. However, limited impacts will occur to the following services:

- NOAA Weather Radio Transmitters: All NOAA Weather Radio transmitters
 maintained by NWS Albany will be off air through the time of the update. This
 includes the following transmitters in New York: KSC43 (Gore Mtn), WXL34
 (Albany), WXL37 (Highland) and WXM45 (Middleville). In Connecticut: WWH33
 (Cornwall) and in Massachusetts: WWF48 (Mt Greylock) and WXM68 (Leyden).
- Local graphical forecast maps that are hosted in numerous places on <u>www.weather.gov/aly</u> will not be updated. This includes all maps on the Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook page (https://www.weather.gov/erh/ghwo?wfo=aly).
- The majority of the graphics on the New York State Briefing Graphics page will be down for about 24 hours from June 16 into June 17.
- The local climate summaries will not be updated on June 16 and 17, but data will be backfilled when our AWIPS system returns to service.

KENX WSR-88D data is expected to remain up, but a few brief outages are possible.

The forecast office in Albany New York will remain open and staffed throughout this period for public and partner phone calls and additional functions that can be completed without AWIPS.

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