

# 2015-16 Snowfall Criteria Change Proposal

October 2015

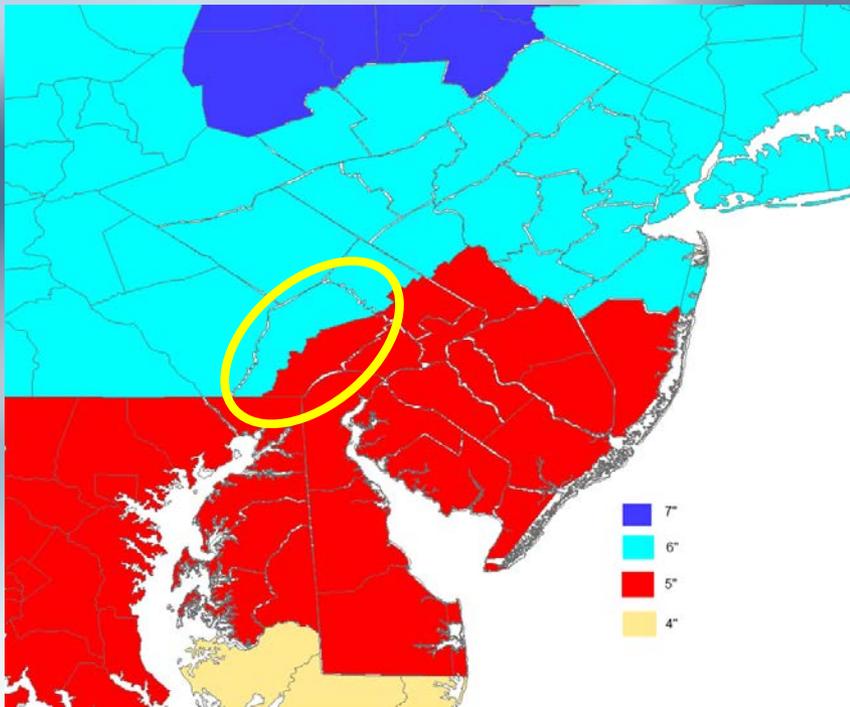
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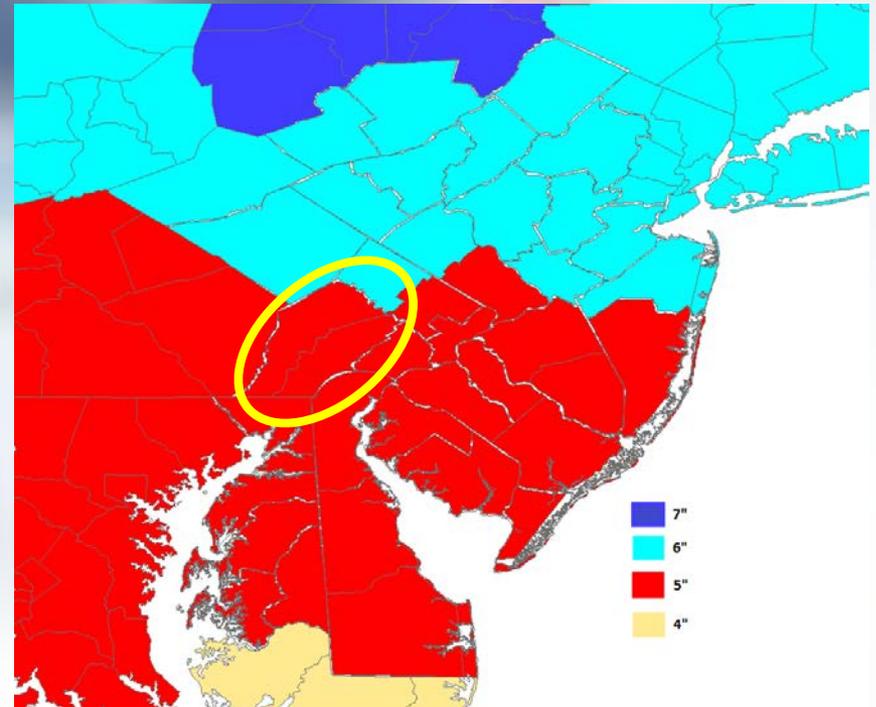


# Changes to Winter Headlines for Chester County, PA

**Previous 12-Hour Winter Storm  
Watch/Warning Criteria used in 2014-15**

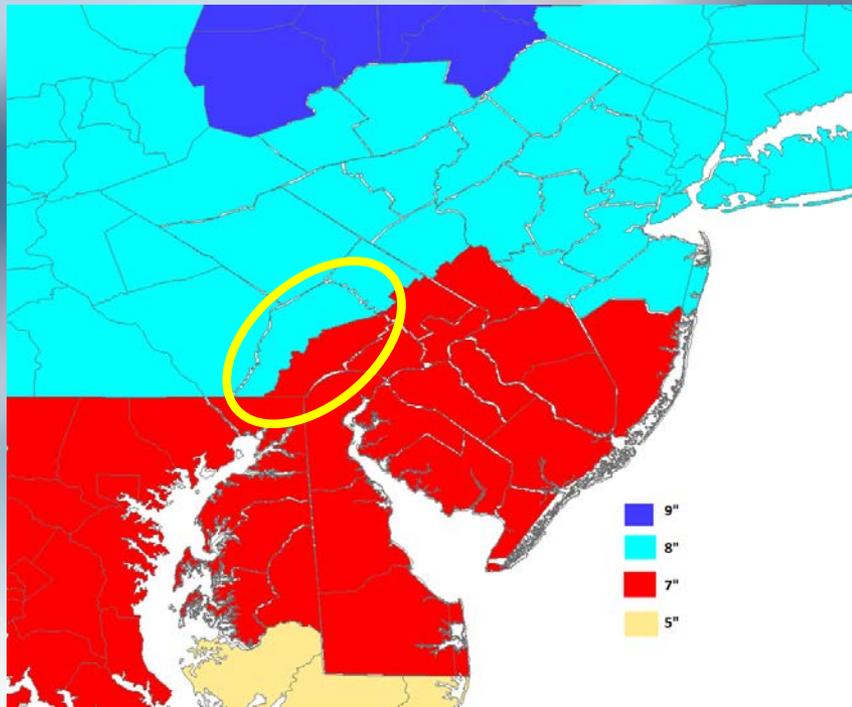


**New 12-Hour Winter Storm  
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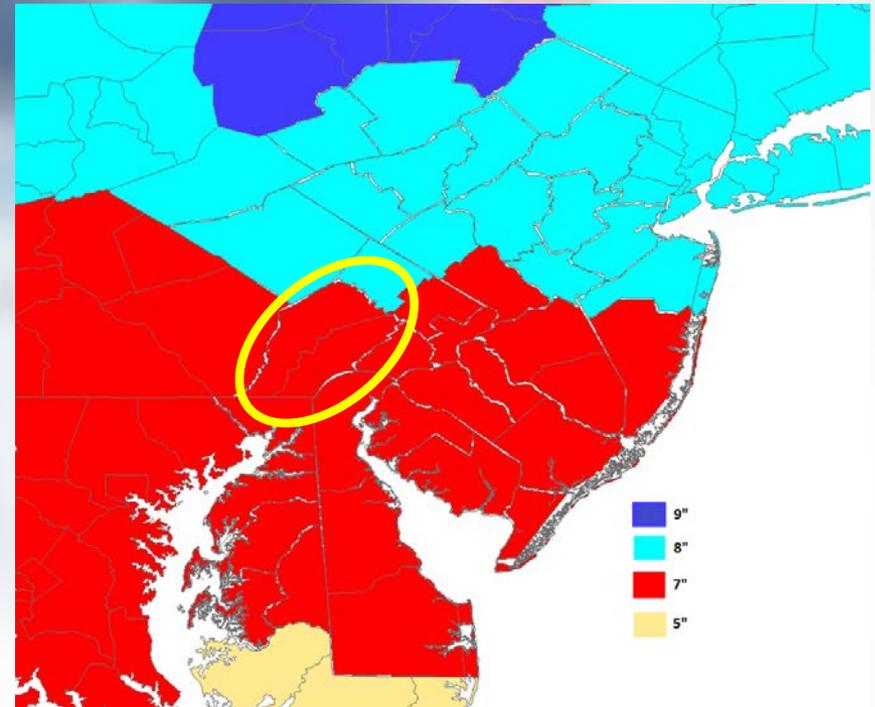


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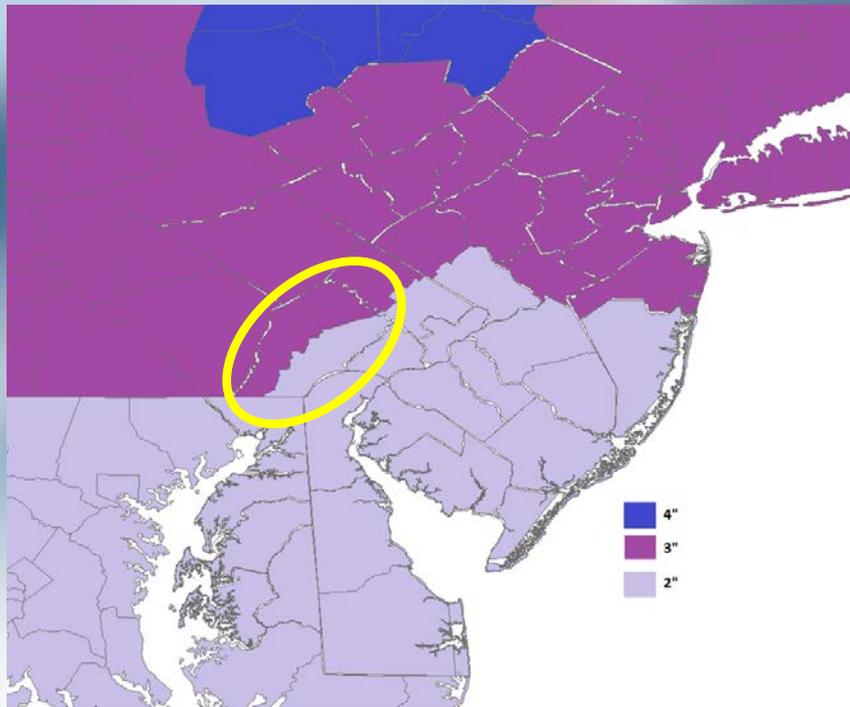


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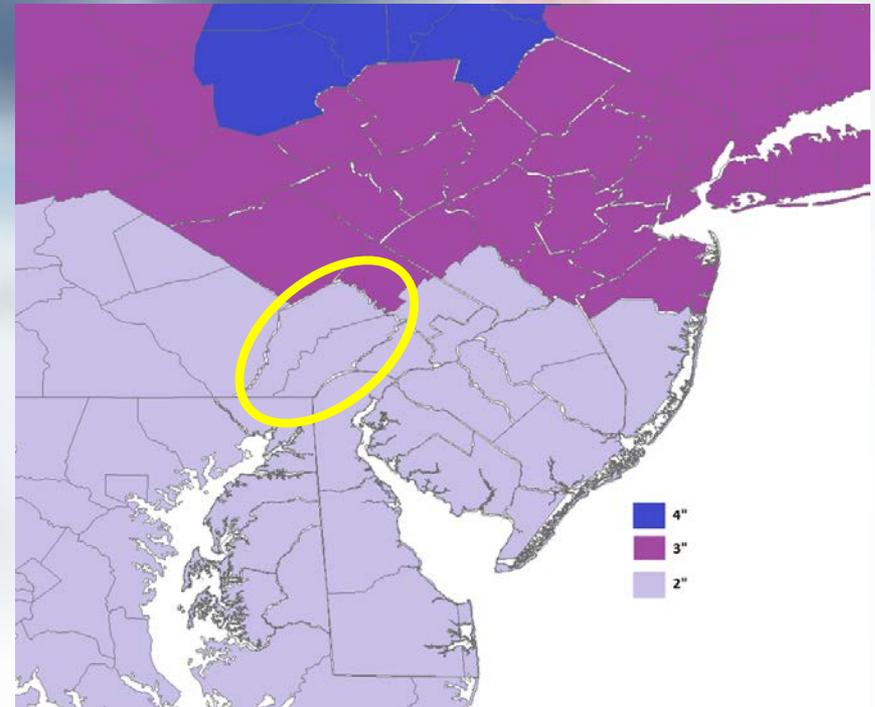


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**Previous 12-Hour Winter Weather  
Advisory Criteria used in 2014-15**



**New 12-Hour Winter Weather  
Advisory Criteria for 2015-16**



# Reason for Change

- Better alignment and consistency with the surrounding offices
  - WFO State College initially proposed changes to the Lower Susquehanna Region:
    - Impacts from winter weather appear to affect the high population centers in the Lower Susquehanna region at thresholds lower than current levels. This would better align thresholds of product issuance to real impacts observed in their region.
    - Changing criteria in the Lower Susquehanna counties would mesh better with existing thresholds used by other NWS offices south of the Mason-Dixon line.
  - Given the above stated criteria change in WFO State College's forecast area, the criteria change in western Chester County will allow for better inter-office watch/warning coordination between WFO Mount Holly and WFO State College, and avoid public confusion due to an intra-county criteria split in Chester County.



# Questions and Comments

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