



...Major Computer Upgrade at NWS Springfield from June 16-18th...

The National Weather Service in Springfield, Missouri will be conducting a required, scheduled update to their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) system from Monday June 16th through Wednesday, June 18th. 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 this update, forecast and warning operations will be conducted by our service back-up offices in St. Louis, MO, Paducah, KY, and Lincoln, IL 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. The KSGF radar will remain operational and products will continue to be distributed as normal.

The NWS Springfield office will remain open and staffed at all hours throughout this update period to help support our backup offices, answer public and partner phone calls, and additional functions that can be completed without AWIPS.

However, impacts will occur to the NOAA Weather Radio transmitters that are maintained by the NWS Springfield office and serve southwest MO, central MO, extreme southeast Kansas, extreme northeast OK, and extreme northern Arkansas. Beginning around 8 AM on Monday June 16th, all of the NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts provided by the NWS Springfield office will go offline for the duration of this update. A listing of NOAA Weather Radio transmitters that are broadcast from the NWS Springfield office can be found online at http://weather.gov/nwr/wfo_list?WFO=SGF. NOAA Weather broadcasts are expected to return to service sometime on Wednesday, June 18th.

During periods of planned or unplanned outages, it is important to have multiple ways to receive warning information. These alternative sources include: local television/radio, weather apps on your mobile device, such as the FEMA or Red Cross App, and at the NWS website at weather.gov/sgf.

Any questions can be sent to Science and Operations Officer Jason Schaumann at Jason.Schaumann@noaa.gov

Thanks for your patience and understanding!