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Subject: Change to issuance criteria for River Flood Advisories

Effective March 1, 2022, the criteria for issuing River Flood Advisories within the hydrologic service area of the NWS Chicago office will change. On and after the effective date, River Flood Advisories will only be issued on a situational basis. Presently, they are issued any time water levels are expected to reach Action Stage but remain below Minor Flood Stage.

River Flood Advisories are used to highlight nuisance flooding with impacts that would not generally be considered life threatening and would not cause damage as long as caution is exercised. This change will not affect River Flood Watches and River Flood Warnings, issued when more impactful, potentially life threatening flooding is expected. This also will make the issuance criteria at the NWS Chicago office more consistent with the majority of NWS forecast offices.

Forecast and warning information is available from the NOAA/NWS Chicago web page at [weather.gov/chicago](https://www.weather.gov/chicago) as well as the NOAA/NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) web page at [water.weather.gov](https://water.weather.gov).

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