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Subject: Soliciting Comments on the Termination of the San Francisco Marine Stratus Forecast System through May 3, 2020

The NWS is requesting comments through May 3, 2020, on the proposed termination of the model forecast component of the San Francisco Marine Stratus Forecast System (SFO MSFS) at:

<https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/stratus>

Due to outdated computational algorithms and information technology security compliance requirements, the NWS must terminate the model forecast component of the SFO MSFS. The NWS will continue to make available the output from the observational components of the SFO MSFS while those systems are functional. The observational components include Sonic Detection and Ranging (SODAR) instruments, web cameras, and automated surface observing systems. The SODARs are operating beyond their expected end of life and will not be repaired or replaced if they stop functioning.

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