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SUBJECT:      Updated: Dissemination Testing for the Center Weather  
              Advisory During the Month of March 2021

NOTE:         The following changes have no impact on  
              NOAA Weather Wire Service subscribers.

Updated to include March 31, 2021 dissemination tests.

The NWS will be testing end-to-end readiness of dissemination software and hardware at the Center Weather Service Units (CWSUs) in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration's Weather Message Switching Center Replacement (WMSCR) office. The product to be used in the tests is the Center Weather Advisory (CWA).

The intended recipients of these communication tests include Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC), Aviation Weather Center (AWC), and NWS Weather Forecast Offices.

Several tests are scheduled for March 31, 2021, on or around 1400 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). These tests will only involve offices that are on non-weather critical days. If needed, NWS will schedule an alternative set of tests for April. All tests will clearly have the words TEST in the body of the CWA. An example CWA is provided below, where XXX is the specific CWSU.

FAUS24 KXXX 161805  
XXX4 CWA 161805  
XXX CWA 402 VALID UNTIL 121700Z  
FROM 30SSW OKC-50ENE TTT-60SW GGG-30SW CWK-60ESE FST-10E INK-

20NE LBB-30SSW OKC  
TEST...OK TX

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