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SUBJECT: Dissemination testing for the CWSU Center Weather Advisory in February 2021

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

The NWS will be testing end-to-end readiness of dissemination software and hardware at the Center Weather Service Units' (CWSU) Center Weather Advisory (CWA). NWS is coordinating this test with the Federal Aviation Administration's Weather Message Switching Center Replacement (WMSCCR) office.

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

NWS has several tests scheduled for February 16, 2021, on or around 1800 GMT. These tests will only involve offices on non-weather critical days. If needed, NWS will schedule an alternative set of tests for February 17 and/or 18. All tests will clearly have the words TEST repeated multiple times 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..TEST..TEST..TEST..TEST... OK TX
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