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Service Change Notice 20-59 Updated
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Subject: Updated: Changes to HRRRv3 Smartinit output in support
 of RTMA/URMA upgrade, effective July 23, 2020

Updated to reflect that these changes only affect CONUS products
and not the winds in Alaska.

Effective on or about July 23, 2020, beginning with the 1200
Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) cycle, the National Centers for
Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will update the operational
High-Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) Version 3 downscaling
Smartinit code to support the upgrade of the Real-Time Mesoscale
Analysis (RTMA), the Unrestricted Mesoscale Analysis (URMA) and
the RTMA Rapid-Update (RTMA-RU).

This update will include product changes for data on the
Satellite Broadcast Network SBN/NOAAPort

Data sent with the following headers will see changes in
characteristics (slightly stronger wind speeds in some
instances) due to the revised wind downscaling:

CONUS 10m winds
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YVCB98 KWBY

NCEP urges all users to ensure their decoders can handle changes in content order and volume changes. These elements may change with future NCEP model implementations. NCEP will make every attempt to alert users to these changes before implementation.

Questions, comments or requests regarding this change should be directed to the contacts below. NCEP will evaluate all comments to determine whether to proceed with this update.

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