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Subject:      Changes to LAMP station-based and gridded guidance  
              effective January 12, 2021

On or about Tuesday, January 12, 2021, beginning with the 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) model run, the NWS Meteorological Development Laboratory (MDL) will implement changes to the Localized Aviation Model Output Statistics Program (LAMP) station-based and Gridded LAMP (GLMP) guidance.

Comments/feedback on this upgrade were previously solicited publicly from August 24, 2020 through September 23, 2020:  
[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/PNS\\_20-62\\_LAMP\\_GLMP.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/PNS_20-62_LAMP_GLMP.pdf)

This LAMP v2.3 upgrade will include the following enhancements in support of the National Blend of Models (NBM) and other NWS initiatives:

1. Addition of GLMP ceiling height (cig) and visibility (vis) guidance for Alaska on the NBM domain out to 38 hours. These new products extend the "Meld" approach used over the CONUS to Alaska, and leverage the Rapid Refresh (RAP) model. These new gridded elements for Alaska will be made available as input to a future version of NBM and made available publicly on NCEP web services in GRIB2 format. New products that will be available include:

- a. Observations (0-hour) and forecasts (1-38 hours) of deterministic cig.

- b. Observations (0-hour) and forecasts (1-38 hours) of deterministic vis.
- c. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of probability of cig <500 ft, <1000 ft, and <=3000 ft.
- d. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of probability of vis <1 mi, <3 mi, and <=5 mi.

2) Addition of GLMP 1-h convection (1hcnv) and 1-h lightning (1hltg) probability and potential guidance for Alaska on the NBM domain out to 38 hours. These new products use lightning data and Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor radar data to specify the occurrence of lightning and convection. They also leverage the RAP. These new gridded elements for Alaska will be made available as input to a future version of NBM and made available publicly on NCEP web services in GRIB2 format. New products that will be available include:

- a. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of 1-h convection probability
- b. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of 1-h convection potential
- c. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of 1-h lightning probability
- d. Forecasts (1-38 hours) of 1-h lightning potential

In addition, the 1-h convection and lightning guidance at stations will now be available for all existing Alaska LAMP stations in the LAMP bulletins.

3) Expansion of CONUS GLMP sky cover guidance to the NBM CONUS domain and extension of forecast projections from 25 hours to 38 hours. The expanded sky cover guidance utilizes the recently-adopted "Meld" approach and incorporates the High Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) model data over the CONUS and incorporates the RAP model in areas over Canada, the Gulf of Mexico, and ocean areas. The expanded GLMP sky cover guidance will be made available as input to a future version of NBM and made available publicly on NCEP web services in GRIB2 format. Sky cover guidance for 26-38 hours will be added to the LEV text bulletin for CONUS and Alaska stations and will extend out to 38 hours in the full (1-38 hours) bulletin.

4) Addition of LAMP 1-h, 6-h, and 12-h probability of measurable precipitation (POP) and 1-h best category Yes/No occurrence of measurable precipitation guidance for CONUS stations out to 38 hours. This addition will result in the following changes to the LAMP text bulletins and BUFR messages:

- a. The 1-h POP and Y/N guidance will be added to the LAV text bulletin for CONUS stations through 25 hours, to the extended

LEV text bulletin for 26-38 hours, and the full text bulletins for 1-38 hours. This addition will change the format of the bulletins for CONUS stations because new lines will be added for 1-h POP and Y/N category.

b. The new 6-h POP guidance will replace the current 6-h POP guidance in the LAV text bulletins for CONUS stations through 25 hours and will be added to the extended LEV and full text bulletins for CONUS stations.

c. The new 6- and 12-h POP guidance will replace the current 6- and 12-h POP guidance in the LAMP BUFR messages for CONUS stations. The 1-h POP and Y/N guidance will be added to the BUFR messages in a future implementation once AWIPS can accommodate the new expanded BUFR messages.

5) Refresh of conditional ceiling height and conditional visibility guidance at stations to incorporate the HRRR and extension to 38 hours. This updated guidance at stations will replace the current guidance in the 1-25 hour period in the LAV text bulletins and the LAMP BUFR messages. The new guidance for 26-38 hours will be added to the LEV text bulletins (26-38 hours) and the full (1-38 hours) bulletin.

6) Addition of cig, vis, 1hcnv, and 1hltg guidance for 76 remote stations in Alaska. A separate LAMP text bulletin will be made available on NCEP web services for these 76 remote Alaska stations containing guidance for these 4 elements only. A map and list of the 76 remote stations is available at the link below:

[https://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp\\_newguidance\\_v2.3.0](https://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp_newguidance_v2.3.0)

Expected benefits of this LAMP v2.3 upgrade include:

a. Addition of GLMP ceiling, visibility, convection, and lightning over Alaska will support the NBM and benefit aviation and wildfire management users.

b. Expansion of CONUS sky cover and extension of forecast projections to 38 hours will support the NBM and benefit aviation users and the general public.

c. Addition of CONUS 1-h PoP will benefit aviation users, the general public and users of the station guidance.

d. Conditional ceiling & visibility will leverage the HRRR and benefit users of the station guidance as well as users of the NWS Aviation Forecast Preparation System (AvnFPS).

e. Ceiling and visibility guidance will now be available for 76 new, remote stations in Alaska, which may be used for the NWS Alaska Aviation Guidance (AAG). More elements will be added to these stations in a future implementation.

Links to sample data for this upgrade can be found at the LAMP Experimental Products website:

[https://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp\\_experimental](https://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp_experimental)

More details about LAMP/GLMP products and this implementation can be found online at the LAMP Documentation web site:

[http://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp\\_docs](http://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp_docs)

Changes to dissemination:

1) The LAMP text bulletins for 1-25 hours (LAVUSA), disseminated over SBN/NOAAPORT under WMO header "FOUS11 KWNO" will increase in size due to the addition of 1-h POP and 1-h Y/N precipitation occurrence category for CONUS stations, and the addition of 1hcnv and 1hltg guidance for Alaska stations.

2) The extended LAMP text bulletins for 26-38 hours (LEVUSA), disseminated over SBN/NOAAPORT under WMO header "FEUS11 KWNO" will increase in size due to the additional elements through 38 hours.

3) Due to SBN bandwidth limitations, the following new products will not be disseminated over SBN/NOAAPort at this time, but will be made available on NCEP web services:

a. New text bulletin for the 76 remote Alaska stations will be available at the following locations as of the effective date:

<https://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/lmp/prod/>  
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/lmp/prod/>

b. New Alaska GLMP elements of cig, vis, 1hcnv, and 1hltg on the NBM domain out to 38 hours, and the expanded CONUS GLMP sky cover guidance on NBM domain out to 38 hours will be available at the following locations in GRIB2 format as of the effective date:

<https://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/glmp/prod/>  
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/glmp/prod/>

Additional dissemination details, including details about the filenames for new files, will be provided through an amended SCN at least 30 days prior to implementation.

The LAMP and GLMP WMO headers are unchanged with this upgrade. Complete lists of LAMP and GLMP WMO headers can be found here:

LAMP headers:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/mdl/lampheaders\\_vert\\_structure\\_v2.2.0.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/mdl/lampheaders_vert_structure_v2.2.0.pdf)

GLMP headers:

[http://www.weather.gov/media/mdl/glampheaders\\_2016.pdf](http://www.weather.gov/media/mdl/glampheaders_2016.pdf)

Communication identifiers for LAMP products affected by the changes outlined in this notice are given below.

Table 1: Communication identifiers for the GFS-based LAMP text bulletin products in ASCII format. Listed below are the WMO heading and the AWIPS identifiers.

WMO heading	AWIPS ID	Description
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FOUS11 KWNO	LAVUSA	1-25 hour bulletin
FEUS11 KWNO	LEVUSA	Extended 26-38 hour bulletin

Table 2: Communication identifiers for the GFS-based LAMP products in BUFR format. Listed below are the WMO headings.

WMO heading	Description
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JSMF10 KWNO	LAMP BUFR Pacific Region
JSMF11 KWNO	LAMP BUFR Northeast Region
JSMF12 KWNO	LAMP BUFR Southeast Region
JSMF13 KWNO	LAMP BUFR North Central Region
JSMF14 KWNO	LAMP BUFR South Central Region
JSMF15 KWNO	LAMP BUFR Rocky Mountains Region
JSMF16 KWNO	LAMP BUFR West Coast Region
JSMF17 KWNO	LAMP BUFR Alaska Region

A consistent parallel feed of data will be available on the NCEP parallel NOMADS site beginning at least 30 days prior to implementation at the following locations:

<https://para.nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/lmp/para>  
<https://para.nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/glamp/para>

Questions concerning parallel data should be directed to the NCEP Dataflow team at [ncep.pmb.dataflow@noaa.gov](mailto:ncep.pmb.dataflow@noaa.gov).

NCEP encourages users to ensure their decoders are flexible and are able to adequately handle changes in content format (including format and order of variables) and any volume changes that may be forthcoming. These elements may change with future NCEP model implementations. NCEP will make every attempt to alert users to these changes prior to any implementations.

Questions, comments or requests regarding this change should be directed to the contact below. We will review feedback and decide whether to proceed.

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Links to the LAMP products and descriptions can be found at:  
[http://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp\\_home](http://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp_home)

National Service Change Notices are online at:  
<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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