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FROM: Captain James Crocker, NOAA
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of Observations

SUBJECT: NWS Upper Air Station at Chatham, MA, to permanently close effective April 1, 2021

The NWS will cease all radiosonde observations (RAOB) and data transmissions from the Chatham, MA, upper air site, after the final sounding 12Z March 31, 2021. The WMO Site number is 74494 and the Site ID is KCHH.

These two AWIPS products will cease effective April 1, 2021. These products are for the RAOB Mandatory (MAN) and Significant (SGL) levels observations.

WMO HEADING	AWIPS PIL
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Users should refer to upper air observations from the three nearest NWS upper air sites: Brookhaven, NY, (72501); Albany, NY, (72518); and Gray, ME, (74389).

Following decommissioning of the Chatham upper air station, when weather conditions or circumstances warrant, these stations will make supplemental observations.

Recent significant erosion of the coastal bluff where the Chatham upper air station is located is a safety concern for the personnel who launch radiosonde soundings. The balloon inflation building is at risk of loss from a landslide. For this reason, the NWS will decommission the site on March 31, 2021, and have the facility buildings demolished in April 2021.

The NWS is actively seeking a new site for upper air observations in southeastern New England and will notify the user community when property acquisition is made.

If you have questions or feedback, please contact:

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