Service Change Notice 22-126
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From:    Mary Mullusky, Chief
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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for WFO New York, NY (OKX):
Effective March 8, 2023

Reference: Service Change Notice 22-118: Changes to Fire Forecast Zones
for WFOs Buffalo, NY, Binghamton, NY, Albany, NY, New York/Upton, NY and
Burlington, VT: Effective March 8, 2023:

Effective Wednesday, March 8, 2023, by 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
(EST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast
Office (WFO) in New York, NY (OKX) will complete minor changes to Public
Forecast Zones in and around New York City including New York, Bronx,
Richmond, Queens and Westchester counties in southeastern New York and
Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties in northeastern New Jersey.
These changes will result in slight expansions of each zone to fully
incorporate the adjacent waterways of the Hudson River, East River and
Newark Bay. There will be no change to zone names or numbers, and the
affected zones will continue to use the zone names and numbers shown in
the table below.

If March 8, 2023 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation
will be postponed to March 9, 2023 at 2100 UTC.

These changes will result in more streamlined operations at WFO New York,
NY with no noticeable impact to WFO forecast and warning operations,
although users of NWS shapefiles will notice minor modifications.

In addition to these public weather forecast zones changes, there will
also be changes to the fire weather forecast zones noted in SCN 22-118
referenced above.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs): Current Public Forecast Zone
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NYZ071: Southern Westchester
NYZ072: New York (Manhattan)
NYZ073: Bronx
NYZ074: Richmond (Staten Island)
NYZ176: Northern Queens
NJZ006: Hudson
NJZ104: Eastern Bergen
NJZ106: Eastern Essex
NJZ108: Eastern Union

Preliminary shapefiles for public weather forecast zones are available online at:
https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on January 17, 2023.

For a graphical depictions of these changes, please refer to the link below:
https://www.weather.gov/okx/OKXShapefileCorrection

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