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Subject: Change to GOES-R Legacy Vertical Temperature and Moisture  
          Profiles on the Satellite Broadcast Network on or about July  
          13, 2022

On or about July 13, 2022, the Legacy Vertical Temperature and Moisture  
Profiles from the GOES-East and GOES-West satellites on the SBN will be  
reduced from 101 vertical pressure levels to 34 levels.

The reduced-levels profiles will INCLUDE the following 34 levels:  
1014\*, 986.1, 958.6, 931.5\*, 904.9, 878.6, 852.8\*, 827.4, 802.4, 777.8,  
753.6, 729.9, 706.6\*, 683.7, 661.2, 617.5, 596.3, 575.5, 555.2, 535.2,  
496.6\*, 459.7, 407.5\*, 359.0, 300.0\*, 247.4\*, 201.0\*, 151.3\*, 103.0\*,  
71.5\*, 51.53\*, 29.12\*, 20.92\*, and 9.51\* hPa

Note: These pressure levels are listed in the transmitted netCDF products,  
and the levels marked with an asterisk (\*) are near the Mandatory Levels  
defined by the American Meteorological Society,  
[https://glossary.ametsoc.org/wiki/Mandatory\\_level](https://glossary.ametsoc.org/wiki/Mandatory_level)

The reduced-levels profiles will OMIT the following 67 levels:  
1100, 1071, 1042, 639.1, 515.7, 478.0, 441.9, 424.5, 390.9, 374.7, 343.6,  
328.7, 314.1, 286.3, 272.9, 260.0, 235.2, 223.4, 212.0, 190.3, 180.0,  
170.1, 160.5, 142.4, 133.8, 125.6, 117.8, 110.2, 96.1, 89.52, 83.23,  
77.24, 66.13, 60.99, 56.13, 47.19, 43.10, 39.26, 35.65, 32.27, 26.18,  
23.45, 18.58, 16.43, 14.46, 12.65, 11.00, 8.17, 6.96, 5.88, 4.92, 4.08,  
3.34, 2.70, 2.15, 1.69, 1.30, 0.98, 0.71, 0.51, 0.35, 0.22, 0.14, 0.08,  
0.04, 0.02, and 0.01 hPa

The reduced-levels profiles will remain on the SBN EXP channel (Port 1208,  
PID 106) using the same WMO headers:

IXTP99 KNES - Legacy Vertical Moisture Profiles (GOES-East)  
IXTQ99 KNES - Legacy Vertical Temperature Profiles (GOES-East)  
IXTP89 KNES - Legacy Vertical Moisture Profiles (GOES-West)  
IXTQ89 KNES - Legacy Vertical Temperature Profiles (GOES-West)

However the reduced-levels profiles will list slightly different  
identifiers in their "dataset\_name" metadata attribute. In the current  
(101 levels) product, these identifiers begin as follows:

"OR\_ABI-L2-LVMPC-M..."

"OR\_ABI-L2-LVTPC-M..."

In the reduced-levels profiles, these "dataset\_name" entries will instead begin as follows:

"OR\_ABI-L2-LVMPRC-M..."

"OR\_ABI-L2-LVTPRC-M..."

Baseline configurations for AWIPS EDEX do not accommodate this metadata change. To ensure that EDEX continues to ingest and display GOES-R profile products, AWIPS administrators should install the TOWR-S RPM v22 bundle of configurations, available from the AWIPS Network Control Facility. The TOWR-S RPM v22 package may be installed immediately, as it supports both the current and the new reduced-levels profiles.

Additional details about the reduced-levels profiles are in the announcement from NOAA's Office of Satellite Product Operations, at <https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/data/messages/2021/MSG295192403.html>

Scientific details on the GOES-R profile products may be found in the Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, at [https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/goesr/documents/ATBDs/Baseline/ATBD\\_GOES-R\\_Sounding\\_LAP\\_v3.0\\_July2012.pdf](https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/goesr/documents/ATBDs/Baseline/ATBD_GOES-R_Sounding_LAP_v3.0_July2012.pdf)

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