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Subject: Updated: Change to Significant Meteorological Information
(SIGMET) Format at a Date to be Determined

Updated to provide more time for SIGMET users to prepare for the format change. Another updated notice will be provided when a new implementation date has been determined.

Effective at a date to be determined, Blowing Dust (BLDU) will replace Widespread Dust storm (WDSPR DS) and Blowing Sand (BLSA) will replace Widespread Sandstorm (WDSPR SS) in SIGMETs. The format change is needed for the product to comply with NWS Instruction 10-811, En Route Forecasts and Advisories.

Current format for WDSPR DS:

WSUS04 KPCI 272310 MKCWS40
DFWO WS 272308
SIGMET OSCAR 1 VALID UNTIL 280308 OK TX KS CO NM
FROM 60NW ICT TO 20NE ABI TO 60SSE CME TO 30SSW PUB TO 60WNW ICT OCNL VIS
BLW 3SM IN WDSPR DS BLW 030. CONDS CONTG BYD 0308Z.

New format for BLDU:

WSUS04 KPCI 272310 MKCWS40
DFWO WS 272308
SIGMET OSCAR 1 VALID UNTIL 280308 OK TX KS CO NM
FROM 60NW ICT TO 20NE ABI TO 60SSE CME TO 30SSW PUB TO 60WNW ICT OCNL VIS
BLW 3SM IN BLDU BLW 030. CONDS CONTG BYD 0308Z.

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