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Subject: Change to Global Aviation Products related to the World Area  
Forecast System (WAFS) Product on or about January 17, 2024

Effective on or about January 17, 2024 at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Central Operations (NCO) will stop distributing selected aviation-hazard products from the World Area Forecast System (WAFS). Users should switch to accessing these products through the WAFS Internet File Service (WIFS) at <https://aviationweather.gov/wifs/>, where they will remain available. This update is occurring as a result of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Annex 3 requirements and international agreements.

A. Changes on TGFTP

- Output from the WAFS is currently available on TGFTP at:

[https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/MT.gfs\\_CY.CC/RD.YYYYMMDD/PT.grid\\_DF.gr2](https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/MT.gfs_CY.CC/RD.YYYYMMDD/PT.grid_DF.gr2)

Files REMOVED with this update:

fh.0FF\_t1.press\_ar.octant[i-p].grib2

Where CC is the cycle time (00, 06, 12, 18).

FF is the forecast hour (06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36).

B. Changes on NOAA Operational Model Archive and Distribution Service (NOMADS)/FTP/PRD Web Services

- Output from the WAFS is currently available on NOMADS/FTP/PRD at:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/atmos/>

<https://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/atmos/>  
<ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/atmos/>

Files REMOVED with this update:

gfs.tCCz.awf\_0p25.f0FF.grib2

wafsgfs\_[L,P]\_tCCz\_intdskFF.grib2

wafsgfs\_[L,P]\_tCCz\_intdskFF.grib2.idx

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