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Subject: Updated: Provision of Full-Resolution National Digital Forecast  
Database (NDFD) Data and Air Quality National Digital Guidance  
Database (NDGD) via Amazon Web Services (AWS) Transitioning to  
Operational Status on or about March 20, 2024

Updated for new NDGD data.

The provision of NDFD and Air Quality data via AWS will enable users to access all existing operational and experimental NDFD and Air Quality NDGD data at the finest temporal and spatial resolutions in GRIdded Binary data Edition 2 (GRIB2), image/display, and eXtensible Markup Language (XML) format.

Full resolution map images of NDFD will be available at the same graphical.weather.gov and digital.weather.gov URLs which show lower resolution images now. Some bookmarks that specify page options via the URL may need to be updated. NDFD XML data currently available at graphical.weather.gov/xml and digital.weather.gov/xml will be available at the same URLs, but with finer temporal and spatial resolution than is currently available operationally. No changes to the XML query strings should be required to access these data at full resolution.

URLs for the current full-resolution prototype sites (<https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov>, <https://graphical.mdl.nws.noaa.gov>, and <https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/airquality>) will redirect to operational sites of <https://digital.weather.gov/>, <https://graphical.weather.gov/> and <https://airquality.weather.gov/>.

In addition, full-resolution NDFD element images can now be accessed via Web Map Services (WMS). Click on the NDFD Data link along the bottom of the map image to learn how to do this.

Further information on accessing and using NDFD is available online at: <https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/mdl/ndfd>

A complete description of all NDFD data on AWS may be found at the following link:

[https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g\\_noa/nwspc/res2/f17554461bd84654b13387bae54bcble](https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/f17554461bd84654b13387bae54bcble)

And description of NDGD data at:

[https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g\\_noa/nwspc/res2/5ae1170dlbe48e10ee15a7dbe54bc9](https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/5ae1170dlbe48e10ee15a7dbe54bc9)

For general questions regarding NDFD data, please email:

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