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From:      David Michaud, Director
           NCEP Central Operations

Subject: Upgrade NCEP Global Ensemble Forecast System to v12.3.18:
Effective on or about Feb 24, 2026

Effective on or about Feb 24, 2026, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC) run, the National Centers for Environmental
Prediction (NCEP) will upgrade the Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS)
from version 12.3.17 to 12.3.18.

This GEFS upgrade resolves an issue where spread and probability ensemble
statistics were missing from the wave station products.  This update
ensures that all ensemble statistics are included in the wave station
output.

In the event that the implementation date is declared a Critical Weather
Day (CWD), an Enhanced Caution Event (ECE), or other significant weather
is occurring or is anticipated to occur, implementation of this change
will take place at 1200 UTC on the next weekday not declared a CWD and
when no significant weather is occurring.

The wave station product updates will be available on the NOAA
Operational Model Archive and Distribution System (NOMADS) web service at
the following location:

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gens/prod/gefs.YY
YYMMDD/HH/wave/station/  where YYYYMMDD is the date and HH is
the forecast cycle (00,06,12,18).

Please submit comments, questions, or requests on this upgrade to:

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