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From: David Michaud, Director
 NCEP Central Operations

Subject: Termination of the NAM, SREF, HREF, HiresW, and NAM MOS:
Effective August 31, 2026

Effective on August 31, 2026, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will discontinue the North American Mesoscale (NAM) Forecast System, the Short-Range Ensemble Forecast (SREF), the High-Resolution Ensemble Forecast (HREF), the High Resolution Window (HiresW), and the NAM Model Output Statistics (NAM MOS). These legacy systems are being replaced by the Rapid Refresh Forecast System (RRFS). A full description of new RRFS products is available in [SCN 26-48](#).

The RRFS and REFS production implementation and the retirement of the legacy models will occur on the same day. In the event that the implementation date is declared a Critical Weather Day (CWD), an Enhanced Caution Event, 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.

****Discontinued NAM North America (12 km) and Nests****

All products and domains including CONUS, North America, Caribbean/Central America, Pacific, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico

Full files in the following paths:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/nam/prod/>

Grib filter:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam>

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_ak

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_ak_surf

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_na

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_crb

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_pac

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_alaskanest

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_conusnest

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_hawaiinest

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=nam_priconest

NAM variables not generated by the RRFs and discontinued.
www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/nam_retirements.txt

WMO headers discontinued for NAM:
[LM] [A-Z] [BS] [A-Z] [0-9] [0-9] KWBE

NAM SBN products not provided by RRFs:
www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/nam_sbn_removals.txt

****Discontinued SREF (Short Range Ensemble Forecast):****

All products including CONUS, Bias Corrected, North American
(both 32km and 16km)

Full files from:
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/sref/prod>

Grib filters:
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=sref>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=srefbc>
https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=sref_na
https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=sref_132

WMO headers discontinued for SREF:
[LM] [A-Z] [ERVX] [A-Z] [0-9] [0-9] KWBL

*****Discontinued HREF (High Resolution Ensemble Forecast)*****

All domains including Alaska, CONUS, Hawaii and Puerto Rico

Full files:
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/href/prod>

Grib Filter:
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hrefak>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hrefconus>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hrefhi>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hrefpr>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hrefconus>

HREF to REFS variable changes by output file type:
https://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/href_product_changes.txt

HREF to REFS WMO changes:

REFS products are generated at a 3 h forecast interval from f03 to f48,
and then at a 6 h interval to f60 for all domains and cycles.

HREF SBN products are generated at an hourly forecast interval from f01

to f30, and then three hourly to f48 (for CONUS 00/12 UTC, AK 06/18 UTC, HI 00/12 UTC, and PR 06/18 UTC). The CONUS 06/18 UTC HREF SBN products are available at a three hourly interval from f03 to f36.

The REFS WMO product list differs from what the HREF WMO has provided.

These WMO changes are listed by product type in:
https://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/href_sbn_removals.txt

Discontinued WMO headers for HREF:
Y[A-Z][CDEM][A-Z][0-9][0-9] KWBH

Discontinued HiresW (High-Resolution Window):

CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico domains (Guam will stay ON)
Full files:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/hiresw/prod>
EXCEPT *guam*

List of HIRESW variables not generated within RRFS and discontinued:
www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/hiresw_retirements.txt

Products produced by the HiresW, but which will be generated by the Smartinit system processing RRFS output rather than directly generated by the RRFS:

www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/smartinit_products.txt

Grib filter ending:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hiresconus>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hiresak>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hireshi>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/gribfilter.php?ds=hirespr>

WMO headers ending:

CONUS:[YZ][A-Z][AM][ABCDEFGHIKLOPQ][0-9][0-9] KWBS
Hawaii:[YZ][A-Z]D[ABCDEFGHIKLOPQ][0-9][0-9] KWBS
Puerto Rico:[YZ][A-Z]E[ABCDEFGHIKLOPQ][0-9][0-9] KWBS
AK:[YZ][A-Z]C[ABCDEFGHIKLOPQ][0-9][0-9] KWBS

HiresW SBN products not provided by RRFS SBN:
https://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/rrfs_info/hiresw_sbn_removals.txt

Discontinued NAM Model Output Statistics (NAM MOS)

All files

https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/nam_mos/prod/

WMO Header:

[FJ][OQS][AMPU][AKLS][14][0-9] KWNO

Model software for systems being retired

<https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/codes/nwprod/hiresw.v8.1.15/>
<https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/codes/nwprod/href.v3.1.7/>
<https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/codes/nwprod/sref.v7.1.9/>
<https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/codes/nwprod/nam.v4.2.13/>
<https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/codes/nwprod/nam mos.v3.5.0/>

Please note that the software has been deprecated. We have made the source code available "as-is" for community use. We provide no warranties, bug fixes, or technical support for this code. This software will be removed upon the retirement of these applications. After this date the software will only be available upon request.

For questions regarding this change, a public webinar will be hosted on June 25, 2026. To sign up please use the following form:

<https://forms.gle/UgfQevsN716reNX67>

Additional questions can be directed to:

The Environmental Modeling Center

RRFS Feedback

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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