PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
915 AM EDT THU MAY 20 2004

TO:      FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
         NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
         EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
         SUBSCRIBERS
         NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
         OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS...
         PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM:    MARK ANDREWS
         CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH
         OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNED POWER OUTAGE AT AVIATION WEATHER
         CENTER SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 2004

ON THURSDAY...MAY 20 2004 AT 1100 PM CDT...0400 COORDINATED
         UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/
         AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY...MISSOURI WILL
         CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY PLANNED POWER OUTAGE.  THIS OUTAGE IS DUE
         TO AN EXISTING POWER EMERGENCY REQUIRING ADVANCED
         TROUBLESHOOTING AND NECESSITATES TURNING THE POWER OFF AT AWC IN
         ORDER TO RESOLVE.  THE OUTAGE MAY LAST UP TO SIX HOURS BUT WILL
         END NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 21 2004 AT 500 AM CDT...1000 UTC.

THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION
         CENTER /TPC/...THE NWS HONOLULU FORECAST OFFICE /PHFO/ AND THE
         UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE IN EXETER...UK...WILL
         PROVIDE BACKUP FOR THE AWC.

AFWA WILL ISSUE SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /SIGMETS/
         AND CONVECTIVE SIGMETS AS REQUIRED AND AIRMAN/S METEOROLOGICAL
         INFORMATION /AIRMETS/ EVERY SIX HOURS FOR THE CONTIGUOUS U.S.
         /CONUS/..  AFWA WILL SEND THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER
         SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GATEWAY /NWSTG/.

THE TPC WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE ATLANTIC, GULF OF MEXICO AND
         THE CARIBBEAN SEA.  NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ HONOLULU
         WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE PACIFIC.  THE UK MET CENTRE IN EXETER
         WILL ISSUE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHARTS EVERY SIX HOURS
         TO THE NWSTG FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD AREA FORECAST SYSTEM
THE AVIATION DIGITAL DATA SERVICE /ADDS/ AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/ HTTP://ADDS.AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV AND THE AWC WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/ HTTP://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING THE OUTAGE.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM /IFFDP/ WILL RECEIVE FAXES DUE TO ARRIVE AT 0400 UTC...0500 UTC AND 0600 UTC AT 0300 UTC. FAXES FOR 0700 UTC...0800 UTC AND 0900 UTC WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POWER IS RESTORED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OUTAGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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