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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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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 AND PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ AND WATCH BY COUNTY /WBC/
OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION /OTE/ UPDATE

REFERENCE: PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS... SAME SUBJECT
TRANSMITTED AUGUST 20 2004... AUGUST 26 2004 AND
SEPTEMBER 7 2004
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-40 TRANSMITTED JULY 1 2004
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-45 TRANSMITTED AUGUST 2 2004
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-51 TRANSMITTED AUGUST 18 2004

THE COMBINED VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ AND WATCH BY COUNTY /WBC/
OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION /OTE/ STARTED AUGUST 30 2004 AND IS
SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE UNTIL OCTOBER 15 2004.

THIS MEANS OPERATIONAL AND TEST PRODUCTS CONTAINING EXPERIMENTAL OR
TEST VTEC STRINGS WILL BE ISSUED BY NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES
/WFOS/ AND THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ THROUGH OCTOBER 15
2004 AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS.

BECAUSE OF ONGOING CONVECTIVE AND/OR TROPICAL WEATHER... SOME WFOS
HAVE TEMPORARILY DISABLED THE VTEC STRINGS IN SOME OR ALL OF THEIR
PRODUCTS. TO MAINTAIN A PROPER SAMPLE OF TEST AND OPERATIONAL VTEC
MESSAGES DURING THE OTE... WFO SAN ANTONIO... TX AND WFO CORPUS CHRISTI
... TX WILL BEGIN INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC STRINGS IN OPERATIONAL AND
TEST PRODUCTS BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 28 2004. THE COMPLETE LIST
OF NWS OFFICES NOW TAKING PART IN THE VTEC OTE IS IN TABLE 1 BELOW.

NWS OFFICES LISTED IN TABLE 2 ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE WBC OTE.

TABLE 1. LIST OF VTEC OTE OFFICES

NWS ALASKA REGION HQTRS AK
/WILL ONLY ISSUE TEST PRODUCTS AND USE WFO ANCHORAGE COMMS ID/
WFO FLAGSTAFF AZ
WFO PHOENIX AZ
WFO SAN DIEGO CA

WFO JACKSONVILLE FL
WFO MELBOURNE FL
WFO TALLAHASSEE FL
WFO TAMPA FL
NWS PACIFIC REGION HQTRS HI
/WILL ONLY ISSUE TEST PRODUCTS AND USE WFO HONOLULU COMMS ID/
WFO DES MOINES IA
WFO BOISE ID
WFO DETROIT MI
WFO PHILADELPHIA/MOUNT HOLLY NJ
WFO LAS VEGAS NV
WFO CHARLESTON SC
WFO AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO TX
WFO CORPUS CHRISTI TX
WFO CHEYENNE WY
WFO RIVERTON WY

TABLE 2. LIST OF WBC OTE OFFICES

WFO BOISE ID
WFO WICHITA KS
WFO LAKE CHARLES LA
WFO KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MO
WFO ST LOUIS MO
WFO SPRINGFIELD MO
WFO BILLINGS MT
WFO GLASGOW MT
WFO GREAT FALLS MT
WFO NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY NC
WFO RALEIGH NC
WFO WILMINGTON NC
WFO NORMAN OK
SPC NORMAN OK
WFO CHARLESTON SC
WFO COLUMBIA SC
WFO FORT WORTH TX
WFO HOUSTON TX

VTEC IS DESCRIBED IN FURTHER DETAIL IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1703
AVAILABLE ON THE NWS DIRECTIVES WEB SITE AND THROUGH A LINK ON THE
VTEC WEB SITE. MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VTEC... WBC... AND
VTEC/WBC OTE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT THESE WEB SITES /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/VTEC/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/vtec/)
[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/WATCH/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/watch/)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON VTEC-WBC OTE OR THE NWS IMPLEMENTATION
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