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SUBJECT: COMMENTS REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 9 2008: PROPOSED
TERMINATION OF THE NGM AND RELATED NGM-BASED PRODUCTS
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2009

THE NWS IS SEEKING USER COMMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 9 2008 ON THE
PROPOSED TERMINATION OF THE NESTED GRID MODEL /NGM/...DIRECT MODEL
OUTPUT BUFR/TEXT PRODUCTS AND NGM-BASED PRODUCTS.

NGM-BASED PRODUCTS INCLUDE NGM MODEL OUTPUT STATISTICS
/MOS/...NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/-BASED
PRODUCTS AND A TRAJECTORY MODEL PROVIDED BY THE METEOROLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY /MDL/.

NGM IS A LEGACY MODEL THAT HAS NOT HAD ANY DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1998.
OTHER MODELS SUCH AS THE RAPID UPDATE CYCLE /RUC/ MODEL... GLOBAL
FORECAST SYSTEM /GFS/...THE NORTH AMERICAN MESOSCALE /NAM/
MODEL...AND SHORT RANGE ENSEMBLE FORECAST /SREF/ MODEL ALL PROVIDE
GUIDANCE PRODUCTS SUPERIOR IN PHYSICS AND RESOLUTION. NEWER
PRODUCTS ARE RUN MORE OFTEN /4X OR MORE PER DAY VS. 2X PER DAY FOR
THE NGM/ AND RUN OUT TO LATER FORECAST HOURS /GFS RUNS OUT TO 384
HOURS VS. 48 HOURS FOR THE NGM/.

THE NWS IS PROPOSING TO TERMINATE THE NGM AND NGM-BASED PRODUCTS
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2009. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WOULD BE REMOVED:

1. NGM MODEL PRODUCTS AVAILABLE ALONG WITH THE REPLACEMENT/
ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/NWPROD/ANALYSIS/](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/)

2. NGM-MOS PRODUCTS WITH REPLACEMENT/ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS AT
/USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MDL/SYNOP/PRODUCTS.PHP](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/synop/products.php)

3. NGM-BASED GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON THE NWS FTP SERVER AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV

4. TRAJECTORY MODEL AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS EXCEPT FOR SL...DF...AND DC/:

FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/DF.GR1/DC.TRAJ/

A LIST OF NGM-BASED PRODUCTS FROM MDL ALONG WITH REPLACEMENT/ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MDL/SYNOP/CHANGES/NGMREMOVE_MDL.PHP

A LIST OF NGM DIRECT MODEL PRODUCTS FROM NCEP ALONG WITH REPLACEMENT/ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/PRODUCTS/NGM/

SEND COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED TERMINATION BY SEPTEMBER 9 2008 TO

NGMREMOVAL.COMMENTS@NOAA.GOV.

PLEASE USE: SUBJECT: NGM REMOVAL COMMENT

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NWS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM

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