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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
850 AM EDT WED SEP 7 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
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SUBJECT: CURRENTLY SOLICITING COMMENTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31 2008 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION
OF TRAVELERS FORECAST

THE NWS MAY DISCONTINUE THE TRAVELERS FORECAST /TAV/ IN FAVOR OF
THE FOUR OPERATIONAL SELECTED CITIES WEATHER SUMMARY /SCS/
PRODUCTS AND TWO NEW EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ PRODUCTS.
THESE TWO PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIMENTAL BUT ARE EXPECTED TO
BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE WINTER OF 2008/09.

THE SCS /FPUS20-21-22-23 KWNH...SCS11-12-13-14/ CONTAIN FORECASTS
FOR TAV CITIES IN A SIMILAR FORMAT BUT IS ISSUED UP TO TWO HOURS
LATER. THE TWO NEW XML PRODUCTS /RXUS30 KWBN - XF03DY AND RXUS30
KWBN - XF07DY/ ARE ISSUED HOURLY AT AROUND 50 MINUTES PAST THE
HOUR. THEY CONTAIN NIGHTTIME AND DAYTIME FORECASTS FOR 3 DAYS AND
7 DAYS RESPECTIVELY.

TRAVELERS FORECAST:

WMO ID AWIPS ID

FPUS10 KWNH TAV10
FPUS12 KWNH TAV12
FPUS13 KWNH TAV13

SELECTED CITIES FORECAST:

WMO HEADER AWIPS ID

FPUS20 KWNH SCS11
FPUS21 KWNH SCS12
FPUS22 KWNH SCS13
FPUS23 KWNH SCS14

XML PRODUCTS:

WMO HEADER AWIPS ID

RXUS30 KWBN XF03DY
RXUS30 KWBN XF07DY

USERS OF THE TAV ARE ASKED TO LOOK AT THESE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS /SCS...XF03DY AND XF07DY/ TO DETERMINE IF THEY MEET THE NEEDS CURRENTLY SATISFIED BY THE TAV.

COMMENTS REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF THE TAV SHOULD BE SENT BY DECEMBER 31 2008 TO:

TRAVELERSFORECAST@NOAA.GOV

SEND COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT TO:

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