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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/
USERS AND PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: DAVID CALDWELL
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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SUPPORT FOR STATE/LOCAL
DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION

ON JUNE 30 2009...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ ISSUED AN
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND POLICY PRINCIPLES
REGARDING NWS SUPPORT FOR STATE AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF
TRANSPORTATION /DOT/. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN OFTEN
NEGATIVELY IMPACT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. NWS SUPPORT OF DOTS
FOCUSES ON OUR EXPERTISE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVOLUTION AND
TIMING OF HAZARDOUS WEATHER EVENTS. WHILE NWS CAN PROVIDE
SUPPORT TO OUR TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS AS THEY MITIGATE THE
IMPACT OF WEATHER-RELATED HAZARDS...MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES
ARE AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAS WEATHER INDUSTRY /PRIVATE SECTOR
PROVIDERS OF WEATHER SERVICES/...SUCH AS FORECASTING
SURFACE/PAVEMENT CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE
DECISIONS. THE NWS PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAS WEATHER INDUSTRY
HELPS IMPROVE THE OVERALL LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT CAN BE PROVIDED
TO THE PUBLIC. THE INTENT OF THE GUIDANCE IS TO CLARIFY THE ROLE
OF NWS IN PROVIDING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS WELL AS ADDRESS THE
ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR WEATHER PROVIDERS IN PROVIDING
COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES.

THE PUBLIC WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON
THESE POLICY PRINCIPLES AND...BASED ON THIS REVIEW...WE ARE
CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE OPERATING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR
USERS. WE DO NOT SEE THIS AS A CHANGE IN OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF
SUPPORT...BUT RATHER A CLARIFICATION OF THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT NWS
IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE.

YOU MAY VIEW THE DOT SUPPORT GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM AT /USE LOWER
CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SP/DOTSUPPORTGUIDANCE.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/sp/dotsupportguidance.pdf)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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