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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1045 AM EDT TUE JUL 21 2009

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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS UNTIL DECEMBER 31 2009 REGARDING USE OF THE CODED CITIES FORECAST

THE NWS IS CONSIDERING DISCONTINUING OR MAKING OPTIONAL THE CODED CITIES FORECAST /CCF/ PRODUCT.

COMMENTS REGARDING USE OF THE CCF...INCLUDING WHETHER IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED...DISCONTINUED OR ISSUED OPTIONALLY BASED UPON LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ REQUIREMENTS...SHOULD BE SENT BY DECEMBER 31 2009 TO:

NWS.CODEDCITIESFORECAST@NOAA.GOV

TWO NEW EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ PRODUCTS...RXUS30 KWBN - XF03DY AND RXUS30 KWBN - XF07DY...ARE ISSUED HOURLY AT AROUND 50 MINUTES PAST THE HOUR AND CONTAIN BOTH NIGHTTIME AND DAYTIME XML-CODED FORECASTS FOR THREE DAYS AND SEVEN DAYS RESPECTIVELY. THEY PROVIDE MORE FORECAST DATA THAN THE CCF AND ARE UPDATED MORE FREQUENTLY.

TABLE 1: XML PRODUCTS

WMO HEADER AWIPS ID
-----RXUS30 KWBN XF03DY
RXUS30 KWBN XF07DY

IN ADDITION...THE POINT FORECAST MATRICES /PFM/ PRODUCT DISPLAYS VARIOUS FORECASTED WEATHER ELEMENTS FOR VERIFICATION POINTS...SIGNIFICANT CITIES AND OTHER PREDEFINED POINTS WITHIN A WFO/S GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

USERS OF THE CCF ARE ASKED TO EVALUATE THE XML AND PFM PRODUCTS TO DETERMINE IF THESE PRODUCTS MEET THE NEED CURRENTLY SATISFIED BY THE CCF.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE XML PRODUCTS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/XML/TPEX/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PFM PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005003CURR.PDF

THE NWS HAS REMOVED THE DEPENDENCY OF THE SELECTED CITIES SUMMARY /SCS/PRODUCTS AND TRAVELERS FORECAST /TAV/PRODUCTS ON THE CCF. THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL SCS PRODUCTS ARE DERIVED DIRECTLY FROM THE NATIONAL DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE /NDFD/. THE TAV HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

THE CODED CITIES FORECAST IS:

TABLE 2: CODED CITIES FORECAST

WMO ID AWIPS ID -----FPUS4I K/P/XXX CCFXXX

WHERE I IS THE SECOND I OF THE II GROUP FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DATAMGMT/X REF/XR06 II VS STATE X REF.HTML

AND XXX IS THE THREE LETTER WFO IDENTIFIER.

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...PLEASE CONTACT:

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HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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