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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 /DOTS/. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS OFTEN NEGATIVELY IMPACT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. NWS SUPPORT OF DOT'S 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 AMERICA'S WEATHER INDUSTRY /PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS OF WEATHER SERVICES/...SUCH AS FORECASTING SURFACE/PAVEMENT CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE DECISIONS. THE NWS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WEATHER INDUSTRY HELPS IMPROVE THE OVERALL LEVEL OF SERVICE 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/:

[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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