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Subject: Comment Sought Experimental SPC Thunderstorm  
Outlook until September 30, 2011

The NWS is seeking comments on the Storm Prediction Center's (SPC) Experimental Thunderstorm Outlook until September 30, 2011. The Experimental SPC Thunderstorm Outlook adds greater temporal and spatial resolution by depicting the expected areal coverage and probabilities for thunder in the CONUS in 4 or 8 hour time periods. The revision to be tested in the next year provides greater temporal detail and year-round availability.

Forecasts of thunderstorms are critical for the protection of life and property since every thunderstorm contains lightning that is a potential killer. The greater temporal and spatial resolution of the Experimental SPC Thunderstorm Outlook will aid both NWS forecasters and NWS Partners in time-sensitive decisions related to thunderstorms, and ultimately provide greater safety for the United States public.

Experimental SPC Thunderstorm Outlook issuance and valid times, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) of experimental product are:

Issue Time(UTC)	Valid Periods (UTC)
0600	1200-1600, 1600-2000, 2000-0000
1300	1600-2000, 2000-0000, 0000-0400
1630	2000-0000, 0000-0400, 0400-1200
2000	0000-0400, 0400-1200
0100	0400-1200

The Experimental SPC Thunderstorm Outlooks web-based graphic and links to more information are available at:

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/exper/enhtstm/>

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