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SUBJECT: Change of the Name of the Hydrometeorological  
Prediction Center to Weather Prediction Center  
Effective March 5, 2013

Effective March 5, 2013, the NCEP Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) will be known as the Weather Prediction Center (WPC). There will be no changes to the HPC product suite due to this change and all AWIPS and WMO headers will remain the same.

The URL of the Website will change from

<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

to

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

All current links to HPC will lead to the same pages for at least 6 months.

The new name captures the breadth of products and services produced by the center. There has been broad support for the name change by center employees, users of the center's products and services, the employees' organization, NOAA leadership, the academic community, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

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