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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 Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) and World Meteorological Organization (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 six 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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