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SUBJECT: Soliciting Comments until October 31, 2014, on
Discontinuing the Coded Marine Verification
Forecast (MVF)

Effective immediately and continuing through October 31, 2014, the NWS is seeking comments on its proposal to discontinue the Coded Marine Verification Forecast (MVF).

The MVF is a legacy system product containing coded wind, wave, and hazard forecasts for sensors on fixed point locations for specific time periods. The product's main use was measuring marine forecast performance.

For a complete explanation of the coded forecast and a sample of the MVF and corresponding text product, see NWS Instruction 10-1601 Verification:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01016001curr.pdf>

The new marine forecast verification system takes all NWS marine wind and wave forecasts directly from the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD). NWS no longer needs to issue a coded forecast for fixed point locations to measure performance and thus no longer uses the MVF.

Users can get point forecasts directly from the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) at

<http://graphical.weather.gov/>

If NWS decides to discontinue the MVF, a Service Change Notice will be issued announcing the effective date. Send comments to:

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