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Subject: Amended: Soliciting Comments until November 4, 2015,
 on Experimental Impact Based Warnings

Amended to add 13 Southern Region coastal Weather Forecast
Offices effective October 1, 2015 (not October 4, 2015)

NWS is accepting comments beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2015, and
continuing through Wednesday, November 4, 2015, on an expansion
of its Experimental Impact Based Warnings. All 38 NWS Central
Region Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs), all 32 Southern Region
WFOs, 7 Eastern Region WFOs, and 3 Western Region WFOs will issue
enhanced convective warnings. A list of participating offices and
local points of contact is online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/media/impacts/IBWContacts.pdf>

This is an expansion of the Experimental Impact Based Warning
demonstration begun in 2014:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/pns14ibw.txt>

Severe Thunderstorm Warning (SVR), Tornado Warning (TOR) and
Severe Weather Statement (SVS) products will be stratified into
categories distinguishing extreme cases from base convective
warnings. Additional enhanced wording will be included to convey
information about associated impacts, specific hazards expected,
and recommended actions, both within the bullet statements and as
part of the tag line codes.

Additional information and product examples are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/impacts>

A Product Description Document (PDD) outlining the products is
online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php>

Based on demonstration results, the Impact Based Warnings are
being considered for implementation on a national basis.

Please submit comments on the proposed national implementation
to:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=IBW>

After the experimental period is completed and the comment period
closes, NWS will evaluate all comments to determine whether to
implement the Experimental Impact based warnings as operational
products.

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