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Subject: Soliciting Comments until June 30, 2016, on
the Proposed Termination of the Production of Legacy
Redbook Graphics

The NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) is accepting comments until June 30, 2016, on its proposal to terminate legacy Redbook graphics. These are graphics developed sent from the NCEP Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (NAWIPS) to the national AWIPS. Some Redbook graphics currently use World Meteorological Organization (WMO) identifiers identical to other products produced by the OPC.

For example, the OPC 48-hour wind/wave Redbook graphics use the WMO identifiers PJAI88 KWNM (Atlantic) and PJBI88 KWNM (Pacific). The 00z 48-hour wind/wave chart for the Atlantic also uses the WMO identifier PJAI88 KWNM, while the 00z 48-hour wind/wave chart for the Pacific also uses PJBI88 KWNM. Because WMO identifiers for certain Redbook graphics are identical to radiofax graphics, there is concern of conflict with radiofax transmissions.

All radiofax products will continue to be produced and will use the same WMO identifiers. This proposal does not consider changing radiofax product identifiers.

NWS will terminate the following products:

PYAA89 KWNM Redbook Unified Surface Analysis - Atlantic Portion
PWIA98 KWNM Redbook Atlantic Wind/Wave Analysis
PWIE98 KWNM Redbook Atlantic 24-hour Wind/Wave Forecast

PPAE89 KWNM Redbook Atlantic 24-hour Surface Forecast
PPAI89 KWNM Redbook Atlantic 48-hour Surface Forecast
PJAI88 KWNM Redbook 48-hour Wind/Wave Forecast
PPAM89 KWNM Redbook Atlantic 96-hour Surface Forecast
PJAA88 KWNM Redbook Atlantic Sea State Analysis
PYBA89 KWNM Redbook Unified Surface Analysis - Pacific Portion
PWIA97 KWNM Redbook Pacific Wind/Wave Analysis
PWIE97 KWNM Redbook Pacific 24-hour Wind/Wave Analysis
PPBE89 KWNM Redbook Pacific 24-hour Surface Forecast
PPBI89 KWNM Redbook Pacific 48-hour Surface Forecast
PJBI88 KWNM Redbook Pacific 48-hour Wind/Wave Forecast
PPBM89 KWNM Redbook Pacific 96-hour Surface Forecast
PJBA88 KWNM Redbook Pacific Sea State Analysis

The legacy Redbook graphics NWS is proposing to terminate will be available as radiofax and web products with identical information.

Through this comment solicitation, no changes are anticipated to the schedule or suite of OPC radiofax charts. For example, users will continue to receive the current suite of graphical products as currently shown on the OPC web site:

<http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/> and at the web sites below:

Atlantic: http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/Atl_tab.shtml

Pacific: http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/Pac_tab.shtml

Arctic: http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/AK_tab.shtml

There will also be no effect on the content or schedule via the Worldwide Marine Radiofacsimile Broadcast:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/rfax.pdf>

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