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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Experimental NOAA NWS Runoff Risk
Analysis Data (Version 2) for the Great Lakes States through November 30,
2018

The NWS is seeking feedback on the Experimental Runoff Risk Analysis
Data, Version 2, for the Great Lakes states through November 30, 2018.

The development of runoff risk analysis data has been a multi-agency
collaborative effort consisting of many federal and state agencies and
academia. As part of NOAA's participation in the Great Lakes Restoration
Initiative, the North Central River Forecast Center (NCRFC) and its
neighboring River Forecast Centers are working together to develop and
provide runoff risk analysis data based on event thresholds set by state
agencies.

This experimental data is currently available for Wisconsin, Minnesota,
Ohio and Michigan. During the comment period, the data will be made
available to the remaining Great Lakes states of Illinois, Indiana and
New York. The experimental runoff risk analysis data is generated at
least once a day at the NCRFC to represent the maximum risk for each
Great Lakes state out to 10 days.

The state partners use the experimental runoff risk analysis data for
optimized application of nutrients, which is expected to support safe
water quality and healthy ecosystems in local watersheds and ultimately
large bodies of water such as the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico.

This data can be accessed from the following webpage:

https://www.weather.gov/ncrfc/RRAF_main

More details about this experimental product can be found at:

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/docs/PDD-ExpRunoffRiskAnalysisData.pdf>

The NWS is seeking comments on the format and usability of the
experimental runoff risk analysis data (Version 2) for the Great Lakes
states. Comments received will be used to determine if this product

should be transitioned to operational status as well as to assess the viability and need for this information across the country. Comments on this experimental product may be provided to NWS by November 30, 2018 using the following feedback page:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=RRAF>

Questions about the NOAA NWS Runoff Risk Analysis Data may be directed to:

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