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SUBJECT: COMMENT REQUEST: PLANNED TERMINATION OF THE NESTED GRID
MODEL /NGM/- BASED LOCAL AWIPS MOS SYSTEM /LAMP/
PRODUCTS

THE NWS IS SEEKING USER COMMENTS ON THE PLANNED TERMINATION OF THE
NGM-LAMP SYSTEM.

THE NGM-BASED LAMP SYSTEM ACTS AS AN UPDATE TO THE NGM MODEL
OUTPUT STATISTICS /MOS/ GUIDANCE. THE LAMP SYSTEM IS BEING
REDEVELOPED TO UPDATE THE GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM /GFS/ MOS INSTEAD
OF THE NGM MOS. THE NEW SYSTEM HAS BEEN RENAMED THE LOCALIZED
AVIATION MOS PROGRAM. CURRENTLY THE NEW GFS-BASED LAMP SYSTEM IS
RUNNING OPERATIONALLY WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF CYCLES AS THE NGM-
BASED LAMP SYSTEM AND WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE UPDATED GUIDANCE
EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY. IN ADDITION THE NUMBER OF STATIONS FOR
WHICH FORECASTS ARE GENERATED IN THE NEW GFS-LAMP SYSTEM HAS
SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED FROM ITS PREDECESSOR...THE NGM-LAMP
SYSTEM. IT IS NOW ON THE ORDER OF THE STATION-BASED GFS MOS
SYSTEM.

THE NWS IS PLANNING TO TERMINATE THE NGM-LAMP SYSTEM. IF A
DECISION IS MADE TO TERMINATE THE NGM-LAMP...WE ANTICIPATE ITS
TERMINATION TO BE EFFECTIVE IN JANUARY 2008. EFFECTS OF THIS
PROPOSED PRODUCT TERMINATION INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF ALL NGM-LAMP
PRODUCTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MDL/LAMP/NGMLAMP.SHTML](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MDL/LAMP/NGMLAMP.SHTML)

AND THE REMOVAL OF ALL NGM-LAMP GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON THE NWS FTP
SERVER AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV](tgftp.nws.noaa.gov)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TERMINATION OF THE NGM-
LAMP SYSTEM AND THE KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NGM-LAMP SYSTEM
AND THE NEW GFS-LAMP SYSTEM ARE SUMMARIZED AT /USE LOWER CASE

LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MDL/GFSLAMP/DOCS/PLAN_NGMLAMP_REMOVAL.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/mdl/gfslamp/docs/plan_ngmlamp_removal.shtml)

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE NEW GFS-LAMP SYSTEM, PLEASE SEE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MDL/LAMP/](http://www.weather.gov/mdl/lamp/)

PLEASE SEND ANY COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED TERMINATION BY SEPTEMBER 14 2007 TO NGMLAMP.COMMENTS@NOAA.GOV. PLEASE USE THE SUBJECT: NGM-LAMP COMMENT

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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