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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-19
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1245 PM EST FRI DEC 3 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
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SUBJECT: FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS IN MARYLAND TO BE PRODUCED BY FOUR WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICES IN THE NWS EASTERN REGION...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1 2000

EFFECTIVE AT 9 A.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME /EST/...1400 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1 2000...ALL FIRE WEATHER PROGRAM
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 26 ZONES IN MARYLAND /TABLE 1/ WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO
THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES IN PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA / MT. HOLLY NEW
JERSEY /PHI/...PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA /PBZ/...BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON /LWX/
MD/VA/DC AND WAKEFIELD /AKQ/ VIRGINIA.

PLEASE REFER TO LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE PUBLIC INFORMATION
STATEMENTS FOR THE OFFICIAL SPECIFIC START DATE OF PRODUCT ISSUANCES
DURING THE UPCOMING FIRE WEATHER SEASON.

BECAUSE OF THIS FIRE WEATHER PROGRAM TRANSFER...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NOAA
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ AND THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ MUST TAKE
APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 FOR THESE 26
ZONES USING THE NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS FROM THE PHI...PBZ...LWX AND AKQ
NWS OFFICES.

TABLE 1: ZONES ASSUMED IN MARYLAND BY FOUR NWS OFFICES: PHILADELPHIA / MT.
HOLLY/PHI; PITTSBURGH/PBZ; BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON/LWX AND WAKEFIELD/AKQ FOR
ALL FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS. UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ FOR THESE
ZONES /Z/ ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLE.

PARTIAL COUNTY ABBREVIATIONS /N = NORTH...ETC. /I = INLAND /C = COASTAL
/NE = NORTHEAST...ETC.

ZONE NAME	UGC Z	OFFICE	ZONE NAME	UGC Z	OFFICE
/BY COUNTY/			/BY COUNTY/		
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ALLEGANY	MDZ002-	LWX	HARFORD	MDZ007-	LWX
ANNE ARUNDEL	MDZ014-	LWX	HOWARD	MDZ010-	LWX
BALTIMORE/N	MDZ006-	LWX	KENT	MDZ012-	PHI
BALTIMORE/S	MDZ011-	LWX	MARYLAND BEACHES	MDZ025-	AKQ
BALTIMORE CITY	MDZ011-	LWX	MONTGOMERY	MDZ009-	LWX
CALVERT	MDZ018-	LWX	PRINCE GEORGES	MDZ013-	LWX
CAROLINE	MDZ020-	PHI	QUEEN ANNES	MDZ015-	PHI
CARROLL	MDZ005-	LWX	SOMERSET	MDZ023-	AKQ
CECIL	MDZ008-	PHI	ST. MARYS	MDZ017-	LWX

CHARLES	MDZ016-	LWX	TALBOT	MDZ019-	PHI
DORCHESTER	MDZ021-	AKQ	WASHINGTON	MDZ003-	LWX
FREDERICK	MDZ004-	LWX	WICOMICO	MDZ022-	AKQ
GARRETT	MDZ001-	PBZ	WORCESTER/I	MDZ024-	AKQ

TABLE 2: THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS WILL BE USED TO DISSEMINATE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST PRODUCTS TO THESE 26 ZONES IN MARYLAND.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	NWWS ID	WMO ID FOR FOS
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NORTHEAST MD FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	PHLFWFPHL	FNUS51 KPHI
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	PHLRFWPHL	WWUS81 KPHI
NORTHWEST MD FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	PITFWFPIT	FNUS51 KPBZ
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	PITRFWPIT	WWUS81 KPBZ
NORTH/CENTRAL MD FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	WBCFWFWBC	FNUS51 KLWX
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	WBCRFWWBC	WWUS81 KLWX
SOUTHEAST MD FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	WBCFWFAKQ	FNUS51 KAKQ
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	WBCRFWAKQ	WWUS81 KAKQ

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