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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-42 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1000 AM EDT THU APR 6 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS

EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/

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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z PIERCE

CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: GRIDDED ULTRAVIOLET INDEX /UVI/ DATABASE AVAILABLE VIA THE INTERNET...EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2000

EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2000...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ WILL PROVIDE GRIDDED ULTRAVIOLET INDEX /UVI/ DATA VIA THE INTERNET. THIS DATA WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT DAILY 58-CITIES UVI FORECAST BULLETIN /NMCUVICAC AND AEUS41 KCCC...CCC BEING THE LOCAL NWS OFFICE NODE/.

THE DATA WILL BE IN GRIDDED BINARY /GRIB/ FORMATTED FILES. ONE FILE WILL CONTAIN THE UVI FIELD FOR THE CONTIGUOUS U.S. /CONUS/ /GRID 211/...AND THE OTHER FILE FOR ALASKA /GRID 207/. THESE FILES WILL BE LOCATED UNDER TWO DIFFERENT INTERNET FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVER DIRECTORIES. THE DIRECTORIES AND FILENAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\*\*FIRST SERVER\*\*

DIRECTORY - FTP://140.90.6.103/NCEPC/

SUB-DIRECTORY - UV.YYYYMMDD /YYYYYMMDD IS YEAR MONTH AND DAY/

FILENAMES - UV.G211.PGRB /CONUS GRID 211/ UV.G207.PGRB /ALASKA GRID 207/

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT SUB-DIRECTORY FOR EACH DAY.

\*\*SECOND SERVER\*\*

DIRECTORY - FTP://FTP.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/CPC/LONG/UV/

FILENAMES - UV.G211.PGRB /CONUS GRID 211/ UV.G207.PGRB /ALASKA GRID 207/

NOTE: THE TWO FILES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN EACH DAY.

THE DATA WILL BE IN UNITS OF WATTS PER METERS SQUARED. EACH VALUE NEEDS TO BE MULTIPLIED BY 40 TO ARRIVE AT THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ STANDARD UVI UNIT. THE RESULTANT NUMBER IS CATEGORIZED BY ONE OF FIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY /EPA/ EXPOSURE LEVELS: 0 - 2 /MINIMAL/...3 TO 4 /LOW/...5 TO 6 /MODERATE/...7 TO 9 /HIGH/...10 AND GREATER /VERY HIGH/.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DATABASE IS DEPENDENT UPON INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE UVI GRIB DATA FILES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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