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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-51 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 345 PM EDT THU MAY 18 2000

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: THERESE PIERCE CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: EXPANDED CODED CITIES FORECAST FROM NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN STATE COLLEGE PA...EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2000

ON MONDAY JUNE 5 2000...AT 400 AM EDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN STATE COLLEGE PENNSYLVANIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING AN EXPANDED VERSION OF THE CODED CITIES FORECAST /CCF/.

THE EXPANDED CODED CITIES FORECAST WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING PRODUCT FOR DAYS ONE AND TWO...BUT WILL INCLUDE FORECASTS OUT TO FIVE DAYS. THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER WILL BE UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE TO BE FPUS41 KCTP. THE OLD NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ HEADER OF PHLCCFCTP WILL ALSO REMAIN UNCHANGED. CUSTOMERS WILL NOT NEED TO MAKE ANY COMMUNICATION CHANGES TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS PRODUCT.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EXPANDED CODED CITIES FORECAST:

FPUS41 KCTP 050800 CCFCTP

BFD TA 055/074 038/059 038 25375 0000/0000/0000 073/048 074/050 070 ABB 0000000 IPT TA 055/074 038/059 038 25375 0000/0000/0000 073/048 074/050 070 ABB 0000000 JST TA 055/074 038/059 038 25375 0000/0000/0000 ABB 073/048 074/050 070 0000000 MDT TA 055/074 038/059 038 25375 0000/0000/0000 ABB 073/048 074/050 070 0000000

THE THIRD LINE IS IDENTICAL TO THE OLD CODED CITIES FORECAST...EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITION OF THREE...FOUR DIGIT GROUPS...EACH SEPARATED BY A SLANT SYMBOL. EACH FOUR DIGIT GROUP REPRESENTS A SNOWFALL RANGE FOR THE FIRST...SECOND AND THIRD PERIODS RESPECTIVELY. SO FOR EXAMPLE...A CODE OF 0001/0306/0204 REPRESENTS A FORECAST OF 0-1 INCHES OF SNOW IN THE FIRST 12 HOURS...3-6 INCHES IN THE SECOND 12-HOUR PERIOD AND 2-4 INCHES IN THE THIRD 12-HOUR PERIOD. ON THE FOURTH LINE...ABB IS A STRING OF THREE ONE-LETTER WEATHER FORECASTS FOR DAYS THREE...FOUR AND FIVE...FOLLOWED BY THE TEMPERATURE FORECAST FOR THE LAST FIVE PERIODS. THE STRING OF ZEROES AT THE END OF THE LINE WILL EVENTUALLY BE REPLACED WITH PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES FOR SEVEN PERIODS...BUT THIS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE INITIALLY.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT BARRY LAMBERT OR BRUCE BUDD AT 814-234-9412.

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