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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-84
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
915 AM EDT THU SEP 14 2000

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

FROM: PAUL STOKOLS...ACTING CHIEF
FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: NEW FORMAT FOR THE MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA
PANHANDLE STATE FORECAST PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 16 2000

ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16 2000...AT 400 AM EDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON FORECAST OFFICE WILL BEGIN ISSUING A
NEW TYPE OF STATE FORECAST FOR MARYLAND AND THE EASTERN PANHANDLE
OF WEST VIRGINIA. THE NEW FORECAST WILL PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC
INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN THESE TWO STATES IN A
TABULAR FORMAT...OUT TO FIVE DAYS. A NARRATIVE STATE FORECAST
WILL FOLLOW THE TABULAR DATA FOR 60 DAYS...THEN BE PHASED OUT ON
DECEMBER 15 2000.

FORECASTS FOR ADDITIONAL CITIES OR TOWNS CAN EASILY BE ADDED TO
THE TABULAR VERSION TO SUIT SPECIFIC BROADCAST AREAS...AS CAN
FORECASTS FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS OR OTHER SITES OF WIDESPREAD
INTEREST.

THE WMO HEADER FOR THE MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PRODUCT
WILL BE UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE TO BE FPUS61 KLWX. THE NWS
HEADER OF WBCSFPMD WILL ALSO BE UNCHANGED.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW STATE FORECAST...

FPUS61 KLWX 162030
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STATE FORECAST FOR MARYLAND AND THE EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PANHANDLE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON
430 PM EDT WED AUG 16 2000

ROWS INCLUDE...

DAILY PREDOMINANT DAYTIME WEATHER
FORECAST TEMPERATURES...PREVIOUS NIGHTS LOW...DAYTIME HIGH
DAYTIME PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION
-- INDICATES MISSING VALUES

FCST FCST FCST FCST FCST
THU FRI SAT SUN MON
AUG 17 AUG 18 AUG 19 AUG 20 AUG 21

CITY

BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON METRO

BALTIMORE SHWRS SUNNY FAIR FAIR FAIR
64/83 62/82 59/77 62/80 60/84
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

WASHINGTON SHWRS SUNNY FAIR FAIR FAIR
64/83 62/82 59/77 62/80 60/84
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PANHANDLE

MARTINSBURG SHWRS SUNNY FAIR FAIR FAIR
61/81 60/81 59/77 60/78 60/83
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

GARRETT COUNTY

OAKLAND TSTRMS FAIR PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY
60/73 53/72 53/73 48/75 53/77
POP 80 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

SALISBURY TSTRMS SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY
64/79 64/78 57/78 63/81 62/81
POP 80 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

OCEAN CITY TSTRMS SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY
67/77 67/78 63/78 66/81 66/80
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

SOUTHERN MARYLAND

PATUXENT RIVER NAS SHWRS SUNNY FAIR FAIR FAIR
65/81 65/82 59/77 62/80 60/85
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

WESTERN MARYLAND

HAGERSTOWN SHWRS SUNNY FAIR FAIR FAIR
61/81 60/81 59/77 60/78 60/83
POP 70 POP 0 POP 10 POP 10 POP 10

NARRATIVE:

.TONIGHT...PERIODS OF SHOWERS AND A FEW THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE 60S.

.THURSDAY...SHOWERS AND A FEW THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE LOWER 80S.

.THURSDAY NIGHT...CLEARING. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S.

.FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE LOWER 80S.

.EXTENDED FORECAST...

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S. HIGHS IN THE 70S.

.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS AROUND 50 FAR WEST... AND AROUND 60 ELSEWHERE. HIGHS FROM 75 TO 80.

.MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE MID 80S.

END OF EXAMPLE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS NEW PRODUCT...PLEASE CALL THE NWS BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON OFFICE AT 703-260-0107 FOR BARBARA WATSON...EXT 223 OR JAMES TRAVERS AT EXT 222.

THIS NOTICE AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ON THE INTERNET AT /LOWER CASE/

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