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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-88  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
320 PM EDT THU SEP 21 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 AND WMO HEADER FOR VIRGINIA STATE FORECAST  
PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16 2000

ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16 2000...AT 400 PM EDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE OFFICE AT WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING A NEW  
TYPE OF STATE FORECAST FOR VIRGINIA. THE NEW FORECAST WILL  
PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS 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 16 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.

CUSTOMERS CURRENTLY RECEIVING THE STATE FORECAST PRODUCT FOR  
VIRGINIA...UNDER WMO HEADER FPUS61 KLWX WILL NEED TO CHANGE TO  
FPUS61 KAKQ TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS PRODUCT. THE NINE  
CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER ...WBSPVA...REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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

FPUS61 KAKQ 152030  
SFPVA  
VAZALL-160900-

STATE FORECAST FOR VIRGINIA  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WAKEFIELD VA  
430 PM EDT TUE AUG 15 2000

ROWS INCLUDE...  
PREDOMINANT DAYTIME WEATHER  
FORECAST TEMPERATURES...DAYTIME HIGH...NIGHTTIME LOW  
DAYTIME PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION  
-- INDICATES MISSING VALUES

FCST FCST FCST FCST FCST  
WED THU FRI SAT SUN  
AUG 16 AUG 17 AUG 18 AUG 19 AUG 20

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...CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA INCLUDING RICHMOND AND  
HAMPTON ROADS...

FARMVILLE VA PTCLDY SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
85/65 87/65 86/69 83/67 83  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

NEWPORT NEWS VA PTCLDY SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
85/69 87/70 86/71 84/70 83  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

NORFOLK VA PTCLDY SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
85/69 88/70 87/71 85/70 83  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

RICHMOND VA PTCLDY SUNNY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
85/66 88/69 86/69 84/67 84  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

...NORTHERN VIRGINIA INCLUDING THE NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY...

CHARLOTTESVILLE VA PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
84/63 91/65 90/65 87/64 85  
POP 40 POP 0 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

RESTON VA /DULLES/ PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
81/63 88/63 89/65 86/63 83  
POP 40 POP 0 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

...THE HIGHLANDS...SOUTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY...ROANOKE  
VALLEY AND SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA...

BLACKSBURG VA PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
78/65 80/66 84/66 84/65 82  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

DANVILLE VA PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
86/64 87/66 88/66 86/67 84  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

LYNCHBURG VA PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
84/62 85/63 86/65 86/64 84  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

ROANOKE VA PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
85/63 86/64 86/64 86/63 84  
POP 40 POP 10 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

...EXTREME SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA...

CLINTWOOD VA TSTMS PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY  
76/63 78/64 82/64 82/63 80  
POP 40 POP 20 POP 40 POP 10 POP 10

NARRATIVE:

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE 60S.

.WEDNESDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS LOW TO MID 80S.

.WEDNESDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S NORTH...MID TO UPPER 60S ELSEWHERE.

.THURSDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID TO UPPER 80S.

.EXTENDED FORECAST...

.FRIDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS MID 60S TO AROUND 70. HIGHS 85 TO 90.

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS MID 60S TO AROUND 70. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS MID 60S TO AROUND 70. HIGHS IN THE LOWER TO MID 80S.

END OF EXAMPLE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS NEW PRODUCT...PLEASE CALL BILL SAMMLER /757-899-5732 X223/ OR TONY SIEBERS /757-899-5730 X222/ AT THE NWS OFFICE IN WAKEFIELD.

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