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

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

SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF NARRATIVE STATE FORECAST PRODUCT FOR
         SOUTH CAROLINA...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31 2000

ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 2000...AT 400 PM EST...THE NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA WILL DISCONTINUE THE
ISSUANCE OF THE NARRATIVE PORTION OF THE STATE FORECAST FOR
SOUTH CAROLINA.  UNTIL OCTOBER 31...THIS PORTION OF THE STATE
FORECAST HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY APPENDED TO THE NEW TABULAR STATE
FORECAST...WHICH BEGAN ON JULY 31.

THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST FOR SOUTH CAROLINA WILL CONTINUE TO
BE AVAILABLE.  THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/
HEADER WILL BE UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE TO BE FPUS62 KCAE.  THE
NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER...CAESPFS...WILL ALSO BE
UNCHANGED.  CUSTOMERS WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY COMMUNICATION
HEADER CHANGES TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST.

THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST FORMAT CAN BE READILY USED BY
COMPUTERS...WHICH DRIVE MOST COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TODAY.
FORECASTS FOR ADDITIONAL CITIES OR TOWNS CAN EASILY BE ADDED TO
THE TABULAR VERSION TO SUIT SPECIFIC BROADCAST AREAS.  THE
TABULAR VERSION WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE FORECASTS OUT TO SEVEN
DAYS.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTION OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CALL
THE NWS OFFICE IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA AT 803-765-5501 FOR
STEVE NAGLIC EXT. 223 OR BERNARD PALMER EXT. 222.
NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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