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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-12  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
220 PM EST TUE MAR 13 2001

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

FROM: ROBERT E. LIVEZEY  
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SUBJECT: SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK ISSUANCES ON THE INTERNET FOR  
THE REST OF 2001

THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ ISSUES A SEASONAL DROUGHT  
OUTLOOK EACH MONTH NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH...AFTER THE  
ISSUANCE OF THE LONG-LEAD MONTHLY AND SEASONAL TEMPERATURE AND  
PRECIPITATION OUTLOOKS. THIS DROUGHT OUTLOOK IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON  
THE CPC WEB SITE AT:

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov> /CLICK ON DROUGHT ASSESSMENT/

THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK IS NORMALLY RELEASED ON A FRIDAY IN THE  
MIDDLE OF THE MONTH AT 830 AM EASTERN TIME /ET/. BUT IN  
MARCH...APRIL...AND MAY OF 2001...CPC PLANS TO RELEASE THE  
SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK THE SAME DAY AND TIME AS THE LONG-LEAD  
OUTLOOKS /I.E. THURSDAY AT 300 PM ET/ TO CONFORM WITH PRESS  
RELEASE SCHEDULES. THESE THURSDAY DATES ARE MARCH 15...  
APRIL 12... AND MAY 17.

THUS...THE RELEASE DATES AND TIMES OF THE SEASONAL DROUGHT  
OUTLOOK FOR THE REST OF 2001 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RELEASE DATE	RELEASE TIME /ET/	DROUGHT OUTLOOK FOR
THURSDAY MARCH 15	300 PM	MID-MARCH THROUGH JUNE
THURSDAY APRIL 12	300 PM	MID-APRIL THROUGH JULY
THURSDAY MAY 17	300 PM	MID-MAY THROUGH AUGUST
FRIDAY JUNE 15	830 AM	MID-JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY JULY 13	830 AM	MID-JULY THROUGH OCTOBER
FRIDAY AUGUST 17	830 AM	MID-AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14	830 AM	MID-SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER
FRIDAY OCTOBER 19	830 AM	MID-OCTOBER THROUGH JANUARY
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16	830 AM	MID-NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14	830 AM	MID-DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH

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