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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-16  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
425 PM EST MON APR 2 2001

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

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF D4 DROUGHT CATEGORY IN THE  
WEEKLY DROUGHT MONITOR...EFFECTIVE THURSDAY MAY 3 2001

ON MAY 3 2001...THE D4 DROUGHT CATEGORY IN THE U.S. WEEKLY  
DROUGHT MONITOR WILL BE REDEFINED TO INDICATE A 1 IN 50 YEAR  
OCCURRENCE RATHER THAN THE CURRENT 1 IN 100 YEAR OCCURRENCE. THE  
CHANGE IS BEING INSTITUTED BECAUSE AVAILABLE HISTORICAL DATA MAY  
NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO ACCURATELY DELINEATE 1 IN 100 YEAR DROUGHTS.

THIS CHANGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

TEXTUAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON AWIPS...NOAAPORT...FOS...AND  
NWS UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION:  
WMO HEADING . . . . . FXUS25 KWNC  
PIL ID . . . . . NMCPMDDRO  
AWIPS ID . . . . . PMDDRO

GRAPHICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON NOAAPORT AND AWIPS UNDER THE  
FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

DROUGHT MONITOR MAP:  
WMO HEADER . . . . . PYIA88 KWNC  
AWIPS ID . . . . . RBGDRO

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INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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