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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-39
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EDT TUE JUL 31 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND
PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS FORECAST TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
THE NWS OFFICE IN WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA...EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 14 2001

...COASTAL WATERS EXTENDED FORECAST UGC CODE NO LONGER
NECESSARY...

BEGINNING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2001 AT 330 AM EDT.../0730
UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME/...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING
DETAILED COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS /CWF/ OUT TO FIVE DAYS.
CURRENTLY...THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PROVIDES DETAILED MARINE
WEATHER FORECASTS OUT TO TWO DAYS...WITH A GENERAL OUTLOOK
COVERING DAYS THREE TO FIVE.

RECENT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY HAVE LED TO MORE RELIABLE COMPUTER
MODELS AND IMPROVED LONG AND SHORT RANGE MARINE FORECASTS. THE
ISSUANCE OF THE FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS WILL PROVIDE
BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE MARINE COMMUNITY.

WEATHER INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS
FORECAST WILL HAVE A FORMAT SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT TWO-DAY MARINE
FORECAST. THE SYNOPSIS AND OUTLOOK WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE
COMPLETE SYNOPSIS WHICH COVERS THE ENTIRE FIVE-DAY PERIOD.

THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT THAT WILL BE AFFECTED ARE:

NWS OFFICE WMO HEADER AWIPS ID PIL
WAKEFIELD VA FZUS51 KAKQ CWFAKQ WBCCWFAKQ

IN ADDITION...THE EXTENDED FORECAST UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE
/UGC/ FOR THIS COASTAL WATERS FORECAST WILL BECOME OBSOLETE...AS
THE EXTENDED FORECAST WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE 5 DAY MARINE
FORECAST. IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES...TAKE THE
APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REMOVE THE OLD UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES
/UGC/ FROM YOUR SYSTEM.

THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS UGC CHANGE ARE:

NWS OFFICE/
PIL/

WMO HEADER/ AWIPS ID	OLD OUTLOOK UGC	OLD OUTLOOK DESCRIPTOR
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WAKEFIELD VA/ WBCCWFAKQ/ FZUS51 KAKQ/ CWFAKQ	ANZ699	OUTLOOK FOR FENWICK ISLAND DE TO CURRITUCK BEACH LIGHT NC OUT 20 NM INCLUDING SOUTH CHESAPEAKE BAY AND CURRITUCK SOUND
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IF YOU ALREADY RECEIVE THESE PRODUCTS...THE ONLY CHANGES NEEDED TO YOUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ARE THOSE RELATED TO THE EXTENDED FORECAST UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ NOTED ABOVE. NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE CUSTOMERS...FAMILY OF SERVICES CUSTOMERS... EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK CUSTOMERS... AND INTERNET USERS /WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/MARINE/FORECAST.HTM/ WILL NOT NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES.

TO REPEAT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING DETAILED COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS /CWF/ OUT TO FIVE DAYS ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2001.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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...NOTES TO INTERNET USERS...

FOR THE COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS AND OTHER MARINE WEATHER INFORMATION...GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/forecast.htm>

THIS AND ALL OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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