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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-45
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
315 PM EDT FRI AUGUST 24 2001

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

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SUBJECT: TESTING OF THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE AT THE
AMARILLO TX FORECAST OFFICE TO BE CONTINUED BEYOND
AUGUST 24 2001

THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN AMARILLO TX WILL CONTINUE
INDEFINITELY TO TEST THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION /WCN...SEE
TABLE ONE/. THE AMARILLO OFFICE WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO
DISCONTINUE TESTING THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE ON
FRIDAY AUGUST 24 2001 AT 8 A.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME...ACCORDING
TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-25...ISSUED ON MAY 16 2001...SEE THE
INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIFICATION/SCN01-25WCNTESTMORE.TXT](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn01-25wcntestmore.txt)

WCN MESSAGES INDICATE THE STATUS /I.E. WHICH COUNTIES ARE IN OR
ARE BEING CLEARED FROM/ OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES
IN AMARILLO'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

TABLE 1: TEST WATCH MESSAGES FROM THE AMARILLO TX OFFICE

MESSAGE TYPE	WMO ID	AWIPS ID	PIL ID	
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64	KAMA	WCNAMA	LBBWCNAMA

/END OF TABLE 1/

THE CONTINUATION OF THE WCN TEST WILL ALLOW THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE TO ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMS WHICH CREATE THE WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION RUN CORRECTLY AND ALSO ALLOW EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS TO
DETERMINE WAYS TO UTILIZE THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES
IN THEIR DISSEMINATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS. EXISTING
OPERATIONAL WATCH MESSAGES /I.E. SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENTS/ FROM
THE AMARILLO NWS OFFICE WILL CONTINUE DURING THIS TEST PERIOD.
THE TEST WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED
IF BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS REQUIRED DURING THIS
TEST PERIOD.

FOR A SUITE OF EXAMPLES SHOWING THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION

MESSAGES FOR EACH CONVECTIVE WATCH SITUATION...PLEASE SEE THE
INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WCN/WCNEX.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/wcn/wcnex.pdf)

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WCN MESSAGES DURING THE TEST
SHOULD ADD THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER IN TABLE ONE TO THE
APPROPRIATE DATABASES. FURTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES WILL BE
ISSUED ONCE A DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION MESSAGES OPERATIONAL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... PLEASE CONTACT

JOSE GARCIA	STEVE DRILLETTE
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