PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
920 AM EST THU JAN 10 2002

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

FROM: JAMES E. LEE
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS MISSOURI...EFFECTIVE
MARCH 6 2002

ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 2002...AT 400 PM CST...THE NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE IN ST. LOUIS MISSOURI /LSX/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING
AN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT CALLED THE DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT.

THE DIGITAL FORECAST IS A PRODUCT WHICH DISPLAYS FORECAST WEATHER
PARAMETERS IN 3-HOUR AND 12-HOUR INTERVALS. THE DIGITAL FORMAT
OF THIS PRODUCT PROMOTES QUICK VISUAL SCANNING OF SELECTED
WEATHER ELEMENTS AND FACILITATES EASE OF USE WITH COMPUTERS. IT
ALLOWS THE USER TO OBTAIN THE WEATHER PARAMETER/S/ OF CHOICE.

THE WMO HEADER FOR THIS PRODUCT WILL BE FOUS53 KLSX. THE AWIPS
IDENTIFIER WILL BE RDFLSX. CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO ADD THESE
IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IF THEY WISH TO
RECEIVE THE DIGITAL FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT...
ISSUED BY THE NWS OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MISSOURI:

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DIGITAL FORECAST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MO
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-PLATTE-RAY-WYANDOTTE-
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FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW TO INTERPRET THIS PRODUCT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PLEASANT HILL FORECAST OFFICE WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/rdfexplain.htm

...OR CONTACT THE ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FORECAST OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THESE PRODUCTS...PLEASE CALL STEVE THOMAS OR JIM KRAMPER AT THE ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FORECAST OFFICE AT /636/ 447-1876.

THIS NOTICE AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm

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