PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-12
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
130 PM EST WED MAR 6 2002

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

FROM: ROBERT E. LIVEZEY
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SUBJECT: NEW RELEASE DATE FOR DROUGHT OUTLOOK...EFFECTIVE
THURSDAY MARCH 14 2002

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY...MARCH 14 2002...THE CLIMATE PREDICTION
CENTER /CPC/ WILL RELEASE THE SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK THE SAME
DAY AND TIME AS THE LONG-LEAD SEASONAL OUTLOOKS /I.E. MID MONTH
ON A THURSDAY AT 300 PM ET/. PREVIOUSLY...THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK
HAD BEEN RELEASED ON THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY MORNING /830 AM ET/.
THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE CPC WEB SITE AT:

HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV /LOWER CASE/
/CLICK ON DROUGHT ASSESSMENT/

THUS...THE RELEASE DATES AND TIMES OF THE SEASONAL DROUGHT
OUTLOOK FOR THE REST OF 2002 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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