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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-23  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
9 AM EDT WED APR 10 2002

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

FROM THERESE Z. PIERCE...CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL WEATHER  
SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT NEW HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER TROPICAL CYCLONE  
PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2002

THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER/S/ NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER /NHC/ ISSUES  
PUBLIC TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECASTS UNDER AWIPS HEADERS TCPAT<1-5> AND WMO  
HEADERS WTNT<31-35> KNHC UNTIL A STORM MOVES INLAND AND TROPICAL CYCLONE  
WATCHES AND WARNINGS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED.

ONCE NHC DISCONTINUES ISSUING FORECASTS/ADVISORIES AND IF THE STORM REMAINS  
A THREAT TO INLAND AREAS...TYPICALLY FROM HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING...THE  
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER /HPC/ ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
PROVIDING STORM INFORMATION. CURRENTLY HPC ISSUES THIS INFORMATION IN A  
STORM SUMMARY PRODUCT UNDER AWIPS HEADERS SCCNS<1-5> AND WMO HEADERS  
ACUS<41-45> KWBC.

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY JUNE 1 2002 HPC WILL CEASE ISSUING STORM INFORMATION FOR  
TROPICAL CYCLONES UNDER THE STORM SUMMARY HEADERS. INSTEAD...HPC WILL ISSUE  
TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC ADVISORY PRODUCTS UNDER AWIPS HEADERS TCPAT<1-5> AND  
WMO HEADERS WTNT<31-35> KWNH.

HPC WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE STORM SUMMARIES FOR STORMS HAVING A NON-TROPICAL  
ORIGIN...SUCH AS WINTER STORMS...UNDER AWIPS HEADERS SCCNS<1-5> AND WMO  
HEADERS ACUS<41-45> KWBC. THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO ANY NHC PRODUCTS.

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