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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-33
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
415 PM EDT THU MAY 16 2002

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: NEW WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES FROM THE STORM
PREDICTION CENTER...EFFECTIVE JULY 15 2002

ON MONDAY JULY 15 2002 AT 1200 UTC...THE STORM PREDICTION
CENTER /SPC/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING A NEW OPERATIONAL TEXT
PRODUCT CALLED THE WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGE /WOU/ FOR
THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. THE WOU MESSAGE DEPICTS
ONCE...AT THE TIME OF INITIAL ISSUANCE...ALL COUNTIES WITHIN
A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCH. A STATE AREAL
OUTLINE STATEMENT /SLS/ DEPICTS COUNTIES IN THE SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCH FOR THAT STATE.

BY EARLY 2003...WOU MESSAGES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE TOP OF
EACH HOUR TO DEPICT THE REMAINING COUNTIES IN ACTIVE SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES. AN UPDATED SERVICE CHANGE
NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO CUSTOMERS ANNOUNCING THAT CHANGE.

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WOU MESSAGES SHOULD ADD
THE WOU COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIER INDICATED IN TABLE 1 TO
THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES.

TABLE 1: WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGE COMMUNICATION
IDENTIFIERS

MESSAGE TYPE	WMO ID	AWIPS ID
WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE	WOUS64 KNWS	WOUSPC

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

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

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