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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-59...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
530 PM EST FRI JAN 31 2003

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

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SUBJECT UPDATE...IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDIZED NWS FORMATS AND
CODES FOR PLAIN LANGUAGE PRODUCTS

REFERENCES...

1. SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-59...FIRST DISTRIBUTED
NOVEMBER 27 2002
2. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1701...TITLED
TEXT PRODUCT FORMATS AND CODES

MOST PUBLIC PLAIN LANGUAGE PRODUCTS ISSUED BY NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES CONFORM AT THIS TIME TO THE FORMAT
SPECIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN NWSI 10-1701. HOWEVER...
DEVELOPMENT...TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOME NATIONAL BASELINE
AND NATIONAL CENTER SOFTWARE WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY
FEBRUARY 12 2003. THE RESULT IS A SMALL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
ISSUED BY SOME NWS OFFICES AND NATIONAL CENTERS WILL NOT FULLY
CONFORM TO NWSI 10-1701 BY THE FEBRUARY 12 2003 EFFECTIVE DATE.

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF IMPACTED PRODUCTS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY
WITH THE DATES THOSE PRODUCTS WILL CONFORM TO NWSI 10-1701. WE
PLAN TO SEND THAT INFORMATION IN AN UPDATE TO THIS SERVICE CHANGE
NOTICE BY MARCH 15. PRODUCT CATEGORIES IDENTIFIED TO DATE ON
THIS LIST INCLUDE...

LOCAL OFFICE PRODUCTS

CLI - CLIMATOLOGICAL REPORT /DAILY/
CLM - CLIMATOLOGICAL REPORT /LONGER TERM/
RER - RECORD EVENT REPORT
RWF - FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING
ICE - GREAT LAKES ICE OUTLOOK
HWO - HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK
LSR - LOCAL STORM REPORT
NPW - NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY
SPS - SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WSW - WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY
FFA - FLOOD WATCH

FFW - FLASH FLOOD WARNING
FFS - FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT
FLW - FLOOD WARNING
FLS - FLOOD STATEMENT

NATIONAL CENTER PRODUCTS

MCD - MESOSCALE CONVECTIVE DISCUSSION
PWO - PUBLIC SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK
SEL - TORNADO/SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH
TPT - TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION TABLE

MOST OF THE LISTED PRODUCTS WILL LACK ONLY THE DOUBLE DOLLAR CODE /\$\$/ DESCRIBED BELOW.

NWSI 10-1701 IS A NEW COMPREHENSIVE REFERENCE FOR PLAIN LANGUAGE TEXT PRODUCT FORMATS TO SPECIFY RULES FOR FORMATS AND CODES APPLICABLE TO TEXT PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR PUBLIC /NON-TECHNICAL/ AUDIENCES. NWS OFFICES AND NATIONAL CENTERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CHANGE...AT A DATE AND TIME THEY DETERMINE BETWEEN NOW AND THE NWS INSTRUCTION EFFECTIVE DATE...PRODUCT FORMATS TO CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS IN NWSI 10-1701. THE MOST COMMON CHANGES TO PRODUCT FORMATS INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF BLANK LINES IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS AND THE ADDITION OF THE DOUBLE DOLLAR CODE /\$\$/ TO PRODUCTS WITHOUT SEGMENTS OR WITHOUT THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/. OTHER CHANGES WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ORIGINAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-59.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT NWSI 10-1701 OR THE TEXT PRODUCT FORMAT AND CODE CHANGES...PLEASE CONTACT

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NWSI 10-1701 IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

www.nws.noaa.gov/directives

CLICK ON 10-OPERATIONS AND SERVICES...AND THEN SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK ON 10-1701 TEXT PRODUCT FORMATS AND CODES.

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

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