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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-06  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1240 PM EST FRI JAN 31 2003

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...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: GLENN AUSTIN  
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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT /SLS/ FOR SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCHES WILL ORIGINATE FROM  
NWS WFO WAKEFIELD VA...EFFECTIVE MARCH 31 2003.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 31 2003...THE VIRGINIA PORTION OF THE  
AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT /SLS/ FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO  
WATCHES WILL BE ISSUED BY NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/  
WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA /AKQ/...USING THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING WWUS61 KAKQ AND THE AWIPS IDENTIFIER  
SLSVA.

THE AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT FOR SUCH WATCHES IS CURRENTLY ISSUED BY  
THE NWS BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON WFO WITH WMO HEADING WWUS61 KLWX AND  
AWIPS IDENTIFIER SLSDC. THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON WFO WILL  
CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCH  
AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT FOR MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
UNDER THIS PRODUCT HEADING.

\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*

NWS CUSTOMERS DESIRING THE VIRGINIA SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND  
TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE MUST KEY ON BOTH...REPEAT BOTH...THE  
WMO HEADING /WWUS61 KAKQ/ AND THE AWIPS IDENTIFIER /SLSVA/...NOT  
JUST THE WMO HEADING.

FOR RECEIPT OF THE MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON DC SEVERE THUNDERSTORM  
AND TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE...CUSTOMERS ARE TO CONTINUE  
KEYING ON THE CURRENT WMO HEADING AND AWIPS IDENTIFIER /SEE  
TABLE 1/.

TABLE 1. VIRGINIA...MARYLAND...AND WASHINGTON DC WATCH AREAL  
OUTLINE WMO HEADINGS/AWIPS IDENTIFIERS.

| NEW WMO HEADING/<br>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | AWIPS ID | CURRENT WMO HEADING/<br>AWIPS ID |
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VIRGINIA SEVERE

THUNDERSTORM AND      WWUS61 KAKQ/SLSVA   WWUS61 KLWX/SLSDC  
TORNADO WATCH  
AREAL OUTLINE

MARYLAND/WASHINGTON DC  
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM    ---NO CHANGE      WWUS61 KLWX/SLSDC  
AND TORNADO WATCH  
AREAL OUTLINE

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