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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-08  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
400 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  
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN WESTERN NEW YORK...  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 31 2003

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 31 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL  
TIME /UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...ERIE COUNTY IN NEW  
YORK WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO FORECAST ZONES - NORTHERN AND  
SOUTHERN. NORTHERN ERIE COUNTY WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER  
NYZ010 CURRENTLY USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY ...AND WILL INCLUDE  
THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA...THE TOWNS OF WEST SENECA...ELMA...  
MARILLA...AND POINTS NORTH. SOUTHERN ERIE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE  
THE NEW ZONE DESIGNATION NYZ085...AND WILL INCLUDE THE TOWNS OF  
HAMBURG...ORCHARD PARK...AURORA... WALES...AND POINTS SOUTH. THE  
FORECAST BOUNDARY SEPARATING NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ERIE COUNTY  
ROUGHLY CORRESPONDS TO ALTERNATE ROUTE 20 /ROUTE 20A/.

THIS CHANGE AFFECTS PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN BUFFALO NEW YORK /BUF/. REFER  
TO TABLE 1 FOR NEW ZONE NAMES AND CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY  
THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

THIS CHANGE WILL ALLOW FORECASTS FOR ERIE COUNTY NEW YORK TO BE  
MORE AREA SPECIFIC.

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN  
TABLE 1 USING THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/  
MAY NEED TO PROGRAM THE NEW "Z" CODES INTO THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO  
LATER THAN MARCH 31 2003 TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PRODUCTS.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE RECONFIGURED ZONES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD BY FEBRUARY 10 2003 FROM THE  
FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

TABLE 1. OLD AND NEW ZONE NAMES AND ZONE CODES /"Z" FORM OF THE  
UGC/.

NEW	OLD
NEW ZONE NAME	OLD ZONE NAME
NORTHERN ERIE	ERIE
SOUTHERN ERIE	- NEW ZONE-

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES.

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KBUF	ZFPBUF
DIGITAL FORECAST	FOUS51 KBUF	RDFBUF
FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KBUF	FFABUF
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KBUF	HWOBUF
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KBUF	NPWBUF
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KBUF	WSWBUF
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KBUF	SPSBUF
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KBUF	NOWBUF
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KBUF	PNSBUF
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KBUF	FWFBUF
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS71 KBUF	FFSBUF
FLOOD WARNING	WGUS81 KBUF	FLWBUF
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KBUF	RVDBUF
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/STATEMENT	WHUS41 KBUF	CFWBUF
HYDROLOGIC/WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK	FGUS51 KBUF	ESFBUF
DAILY OBSERVATIONS	SXUS51 KBUF	HYDBUF
RECORD REPORT	SXUS71 KBUF	RERBUF
STATE FORECAST FOR WESTERN NEW YORK	FPUS61 KBUF	SFPNY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNTY CODES USED FOR TORNADO...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS...AS WELL AS CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...REMAIN UNCHANGED SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS USE THE COUNTY /"C"/ FORM OF THE UGC.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

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