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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-10  
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 SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND...  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 31 2003

ON MONDAY MARCH 31 2003...AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...THERE WILL BE A  
REALIGNMENT OF SELECTED FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARIES IN SOUTHERN NEW  
ENGLAND. THESE CHANGES AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN BOSTON/TAUNTON  
MASSACHUSETTS /BOX/. REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR NEW ZONE NAMES AND  
CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

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 REALIGNED 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 NEW ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/
CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY	MAZ005	WESTERN MIDDLESEX	MAZ005
NORTHWEST MIDDLESEX COUNTY	MAZ026	-NEW ZONE-	-NEW-
--SAME NAME BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--	MAZ017	NORTHERN BRISTOL	MAZ017

--SAME NAME BUT MAZ020 SOUTHERN BRISTOL MAZ020  
MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--

EASTERN HILLSBOROUGH NHZ012 HILLSBOROUGH NHZ012

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NHZ015 -NEW ZONE- -NEW-

--SAME NAME BUT RIZ006 WASHINGTON RIZ006  
MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--

BLOCK ISLAND RIZ008 -NEW ZONE- -NEW-

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KBOX	ZFPBOX
FLOOD WATCH	FGUS61 KBOX	FFABOX
NON-PRECIPIATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KBOX	NPWBOX
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KBOX	WSWBOX
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS71 KBOX	SPSBOX
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KBOX	NOWBOX
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS81 KBOX	FLSBOX
FLOOD WARNING	WGUS41 KBOX	FLWBOX
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KBOX	HWOBOX
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KBOX	PNSBOX
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KBOX	RVDBOS
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KBOX	RVSBOX
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KBOX	ESFBOX
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KBOX	FWFBOS
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/STATEMENT	WHUS41 KBOX	CFWBOX
DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	FOUS51 KBOX	RDFBOX
REGIONAL WEATHER DISCUSSION FOR SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND	AWUS41 KBOX	RWSBOS
REGIONAL WEATHER ROUNDUP	ASUS51 KBOS	SWRMA

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 ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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THIS NOTICE AND OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE

AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL ADDRESS /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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