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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-10...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
425 PM EST THU MAR 6 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 UPDATED - FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN SOUTHERN NEW
ENGLAND...EFFECTIVE APRIL 30 2003

UPDATED EFFECTIVE DATE - THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM
MONDAY...MARCH 31 TO WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003. THE UPDATED ZONE
MAP SHAPEFILE CAN NOW BE DOWNLOADED...SEE THE WEBSITE BELOW IN
PARAGRAPH FOUR /4/.

ON WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 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 APRIL 30 2003 TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PRODUCTS.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE REALIGNED ZONES IS
AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD 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	UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/
CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY	MAZ005	WESTERN MIDDLESEX	MAZ005
NORTHWEST MIDDLESEX	MAZ026	-NEW ZONE-	-NEW-

COUNTY

--SAME NAME BUT MAZ017 NORTHERN BRISTOL MAZ017
MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--

--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-PRECIPITATION 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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WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST
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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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