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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-13
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1215 PM EST FRI FEB 21 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...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES FROM THE STORM PREDICTION
CENTER...EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2003

ON TUESDAY...APRIL 15 2003 AT 1200 UTC /COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME/ THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING AN
EXPERIMENTAL TEXT PRODUCT CALLED THE WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGE
/WOU/ FOR THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. THE WOU MESSAGE DEPICTS
ALL COUNTIES AND INDEPENDENT CITIES WITHIN A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM
OR TORNADO WATCH AT THE TIME OF INITIAL ISSUANCE. UPDATED WOU/S
ISSUED AT THE TOP OF EACH HOUR...DEPICT THE COUNTIES AND
INDEPENDENT CITIES REMAINING IN THE WATCH AREA.

WOU/S ISSUED DURING THIS TEST ARE FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY.
SPC WILL USE THIS PRODUCT FOR FINAL TEST AND EVALUATION TO
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO IMPLEMENT THE WOU AS SERVICE
REPLACEMENT FOR THE STATE AREAL OUTLINE STATEMENT /SLS/ ON
OCTOBER 1 2003.

SPC WILL ISSUE INITIAL WOU/S FOR THE ENTIRE CONTINENTAL UNITED
STATES. UPDATED WOU/S WILL BE ISSUED ONLY FOR AREAS IN WHICH
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES ARE ISSUING WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION
MESSAGES /WCN/ DURING THE OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION PERIOD.
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WCN/S...REFER TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE
03-14. WOU MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED DURING THIS TEST PERIOD
IF BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER OFFICE IS REQUIRED.

FOR INFORMATION ON AND EXAMPLES OF WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION
MESSAGES...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/watch>

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WOU MESSAGES SHOULD ADD THE WOU
COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER INDICATED IN TABLE 1 TO THE APPROPRIATE
DATABASES.

TABLE 1: WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS.

MESSAGE TYPE WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE WOUS64 KWNS WOU/1-9/

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT

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