SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
210 PM EST TUE FEB 10 2004

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...PARTNERS
         AND EMPLOYEES

FROM:    JAMES E. LEE
         CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: ENHANCEMENTS TO THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGES FROM THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER...EFFECTIVE APRIL 20 2004

ON TUESDAY...APRIL 20 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ WILL BEGIN ADDING ENHANCED INFORMATION TO THE SPC WATCH STATUS MESSAGE /WWA/. THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT PRODUCT...FOLLOWING A DOUBLE AMPERSAND //. THE ADDED INFORMATION CONSISTS OF UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ AND COUNTY...PARISH...AND INDEPENDENT-CITY NAMES FOR AREAS WHERE THE SEVERE WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES. THE FORMAT OF THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS SIMILAR TO THE FORMAT OF THE SPC WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE /WOU/ MESSAGE.


FOR REFERENCE...THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER OF THE STATUS PRODUCT IS WOUS20 KWNS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THIS PRODUCT...PLEASE CONTACT:

RICHARD OKULSKI
NWS/FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH
301-713-1867 x114

DR. RUSSELL SCHNEIDER
NWS/STORM PREDICTION CENTER
405-579-0704

TWO EXAMPLES OF AN OPERATIONAL WATCH STATUS WITH THE ADDITIONAL UGC AND COUNTY INFORMATION MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE (USE LOWER CASE LETTERS). THE FIRST IS A WATCH STATUS MESSAGE AND THE SECOND IS A FINAL/CLOSEOUT WATCH STATUS MESSAGE FOR A PARTICULAR WATCH.

HTTP://WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/WATCHSTATUSSCN04EXAMPLES.PDF
NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

$$
NNNN