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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
0210 PM EST TUE FEB 10 2004

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: JAMES E. LEE
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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 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.

THE ENHANCED INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WATCH STATUS
MESSAGE IS A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS
TO THE RIGHT OF THE STATUS LINE LOCATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
PRODUCT.

FOR REFERENCE...THE WMO HEADER OF THE STATUS PRODUCT IS WOUS20
KWNS.

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

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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](http://weather.gov/os/watch/watchstatusscn04examples.pdf)

THIS NOTICE AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE
AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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