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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE SCN-22  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
330 PM EDT THU APR 15 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...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: FRED BRANSKI  
TEAM LEADER FOR DATA MANAGEMENT SECTION

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER TRANSITION PLAN

THE NWS HAS BEEN REVIEWING ALL COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS  
/CID/ FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NWS AND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION /WMO/ CID POLICIES. NWS CIDS CONSIST OF THE  
WMO HEADING ON ONE LINE FOLLOWED BY THE AWIPS IDENTIFIER  
ON A SECOND LINE. NOTE: NOT ALL NWS PRODUCTS  
REQUIRE AN AWIPS IDENTIFIER.

PRESENTLY MANY NWS OFFICES ISSUE PRODUCTS WITH A MIX OF CIDS.  
SOME ARE COMPLIANT WITH CURRENT NWS AND WMO POLICIES WHILE OTHERS  
ARE NOT. EXAMPLE: MANY NWS OFFICES ISSUE SOME PRODUCTS USING  
THEIR OLD SITE IDS AND OTHER PRODUCTS WITH THEIR NEWER SITE ID.  
HOWEVER...OVER THE NEXT YEAR...NWS WILL BE WORKING TO CONVERT ALL  
CIDS SO THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH NWS AND WMO POLICIES.

CID CHANGES ARE PLANNED FOR SIX PHASES BASED PRIMARILY ON RELATED  
PRODUCT CATEGORIES. THE FIRST PHASE IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 2004  
WITH SUBSEQUENT PHASES FOLLOWING APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS APART.  
CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NUMBER OF CHANGES IN EACH  
PHASE AND PRODUCT CATEGORIES MAY BE MOVED TO BETTER BALANCE THE  
PHASES OR FOR OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.

FUTURE DATA MANAGEMENT NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED 75 DAYS BEFORE THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF EACH OF THE SIX PHASES OF CID CHANGES. EACH  
NOTICE WILL REFERENCE AN EXPLICIT LIST OF ALL AFFECTED CIDS IN  
THAT PHASE AND THE SPECIFIC CID CHANGES TO BE MADE. SIMILAR  
NOTICES SUCH AS NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE AND LOCAL OR  
REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS WILL ALSO BE  
DISSEMINATED IN THE SAME TIME FRAME.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPENDING CHANGES WILL BE POSTED  
ON THE DATA MANAGEMENT /DM/ WEB PAGE AND ON A CID TRANSITION  
WEB PAGE. THE URL FOR THE DM WEB PAGE AND THE CID TRANSITION  
WEB PAGE IS POSTED BELOW /USE LOWER CASE/

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DATA MANAGEMENT IS THE PRIMARY LEAD FOR CID TRANSITION IMPLEMENTATION. EACH NWS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ AND MANY LOCAL NWS OFFICES ALSO HAVE A CID TRANSITION POINT OF CONTACT /POC/.

BEFORE EACH PHASE NWS OFFICES MAY ELECT TO TEST PRODUCTS AS PART OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CID CHANGES. ALL TEST PRODUCTS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT FOR TEST MESSAGES DOCUMENTED IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1701.

ALL TESTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH DATA MANAGEMENT.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS TRANSITION... PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NWS HEADQUARTERS CONTACTS IN SILVER SPRING MARYLAND:

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