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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-23
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
345 PM EDT FRI APR 16 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ADD MARINE ZONES AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE TO WATCH OUTLINE
UPDATE MESSAGES...EFFECTIVE JULY 7 2004

ON WEDNESDAY...JULY 7 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE
STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ WILL ADD ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE
ZONES AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ TO AN OPERATIONAL TEXT PRODUCT
CALLED THE WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGE /WOU/. ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS
MARINE ZONES REFER TO A WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE/S NEAR SHORE
RESPONSIBILITY. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS OUT TO 20 NAUTICAL MILES FOR THE
PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC OCEANS AND THE GULF OF MEXICO. ALL GREAT LAKES
MARINE ZONES WILL BE INCLUDED IN WOU/S.

THE WOU MESSAGE DEPICTS ALL COUNTIES...PARISHES...INDEPENDENT CITIES AND
ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES WITHIN A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR
TORNADO WATCH AT THE TIME OF INITIAL ISSUANCE.

SPC WILL ALSO BE ISSUING EXPERIMENTAL UPDATED WOU/S TO DEPICT THE
COUNTIES...PARISHES...INDEPENDENT CITIES...AND ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS
MARINE ZONES REMAINING IN THE WATCH AREA AND AN EXPERIMENTAL FINAL WOU TO
CANCEL THE ENTIRE WATCH AREA. ALL WOU/S ISSUED AFTER THE TIME OF INITIAL
ISSUANCE SHOULD BE USED FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY.

VTEC PROVIDES EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THE UNIVERSAL
GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/. THE VTEC CODE LINE WILL BE INCLUDED IN
INITIAL...UPDATE AND FINAL WOU/S.

EXAMPLES OF OPERATIONAL AND WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES WITH MARINE
ZONES AND VTEC CAN BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/WOU-ADD.PDF](http://weather.gov/os/watch/wou-add.pdf)

CUSTOMERS WHO ARE RECEIVING WOU MESSAGES SHOULD MODIFY THEIR SOFTWARE TO
INCLUDE VTEC AND MARINE ZONES FOR THE WOU COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER/S/
INDICATED IN TABLE 1 TO THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES.

TABLE 1: WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES AFFECTED BY THIS SERVICE CHANGE.

PRODUCT -----	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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