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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-23
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
345 PM EST FRI APR 16 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
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER
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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 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.

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

EXAMPLES OF OPERATIONAL AND WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES
WITH MARINE ZONES AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE MAY BE ACCESSED
AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/.

<http://weather.gov/os/watch/wou-add.pdf>

CUSTOMERS WHO ARE RECEIVING WOU MESSAGES SHOULD MODIFY THEIR SOFTWARE TO INCLUDE VALID TIME EVENT CODE 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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