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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-40...AMENDED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 440 PM EDT FRI OCT 29 2004

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

FROM: LEROY SPAYD CHIEF...METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: AMENDED...CHANGE TO SEGMENTED FORMAT FOR SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT...FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT...AND COASTAL FLOOD PRODUCT... EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 3 2004

AMENDED TO CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM NOVEMBER 3 2004 TO DECEMBER 8 2004 AND HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS AND COASTAL FLOOD PRODUCTS WILL NOT INCLUDE THE VALID TIME EVENT CODE STRING AT THIS TIME

ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8 2004 AT 1800 UTC...ALL WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES WILL CHANGE TO A SEGMENTED FORMAT FOR THE SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT /SVS/ ...FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT /FFS/...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT /MWS/AND COASTAL FLOOD /CFW/PRODUCTS.

UPDATED EXAMPLES OF SEGMENTED SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENTS...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENTS...AND COASTAL FLOOD PRODUCTS MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/.

http://www.weather.gov/OS/WATCH/FOLLOWUP.PDF

SEGMENTED FOLLOW UP STATEMENTS WILL ALLOW FORECASTERS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS WHEN WEATHER HAZARDS HAVE ENDED FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES AND MARINE ZONES INCLUDED IN LARGE MULTIPLE COUNTY OR MARINE ZONE WARNINGS. SEGMENTED STATEMENTS WILL ALSO ALLOW FORECASTERS TO INFORM CUSTOMERS WHEN THEIR COUNTIES OR MARINE ZONES WERE ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS...TORNADO WARNINGS...FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS...AND SPECIAL MARINE WARNINGS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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