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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-41  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
250 PM EDT TUE JUL 06 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: FRED BRANSKI  
TEAM LEADER FOR DATA MANAGEMENT SECTION

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER TRANSITION /CID/ PLAN UPDATE

THE NWS CONTINUES TO STANDARDIZE ALL COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS /CID/ TO MEET 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 THAT DO NOT MEET CURRENT CID POLICIES. THE MOST COMMON INCONSISTENCY WITH CIDS IS DUE TO A MIX OF OLD AND NEW SITE IDENTIFIERS USED AT SOME OFFICES. BY THE END OF 2004...ALL NWS OFFICES WILL ISSUE PRODUCTS WITH CONSISTENT CIDS THAT MEET ESTABLISHED POLICIES. THE CID TRANSITION PLAN OUTLINES HOW WE ARE MAKING THOSE CHANGES.

CID CHANGES WERE PLANNED FOR SIX PHASES BASED PRIMARILY ON RELATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES. THE FIRST PHASE WAS COMPLETED ON JUNE 15 2004. THE REST OF THE PHASES WILL NOW BE COMBINED INTO ONE FINAL ALL ENCOMPASSING COMBINED PHASE WHICH WILL OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 9 2004. AN ALTERNATE DATE OF NOVEMBER 16 HAS BEEN SET IF WE NEED TO POSTPONE THE TRANSITION DUE TO A MAJOR WEATHER EVENT.

A FUTURE DATA MANAGEMENT NOTICE AND NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED 75 DAYS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMBINED PHASE OF CID CHANGES. THE NOTICE WILL REFERENCE A LIST OF THE AFFECTED CIDS AND THE SPECIFIC CID CHANGES TO BE MADE. SIMILAR NOTICES SUCH AS LOCAL OR REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS MAY 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 URLS FOR THE DM WEB PAGE AND THE CID TRANSITION WEB PAGE ARE POSTED BELOW /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DATAMGMT/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/index.html)

THE URL FOR THE CID TRANSITION WEB PAGE IS /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DATAMGMT/CID.HTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/cid.html)

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

BEFORE NOVEMBER 9 2004... NWS OFFICES MAY ELECT TO TEST PRODUCTS AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CID CHANGES. ALL TEST PRODUCTS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT FOR TEST MESSAGES DOCUMENTED IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1701 AND ALL TESTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH DATA MANAGEMENT. THE URL FOR 10-1701 IS /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/010/PD01017001A.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/PD01017001A.PDF)

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

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

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