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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-48
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
715 AM EDT THU AUG 5 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
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL WATCH BY COUNTY PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 8 2005

ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME /UTC/ THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ WILL BEGIN
ISSUING OPERATIONAL UPDATE AND FINAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE
MESSAGES /WOU/. UPDATE WOUS WILL DEPICT ALL THE COUNTIES...
INDEPENDENT CITIES AND ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES
WHICH REMAIN IN ACTIVE TORNADO AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORM
WATCHES. FINAL WOUS NOTIFY CUSTOMERS THAT A TORNADO OR
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR HAS EXPIRED.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 UTC ALL WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICES /WFO/ IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF
HAWAII WILL BEGIN ISSUING WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN/
FOR THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. WFOS WILL ISSUE AN
INITIAL WCN AT THE START TIME OF THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR
TORNADO WATCH. WFOS WILL ISSUE UPDATE WCNS TO CANCEL THE
WATCH...ADD TO THE WATCH OR EXTEND THE WATCH EXPIRATION TIME FOR
COUNTIES...INDEPENDENT CITIES AND/OR ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS
MARINE ZONES IN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES REFER TO A WFO 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 WATCH STATUS
MESSAGES.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THESE
PRODUCTS PLEASE CONTACT:

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AN EXAMPLE OF OPERATIONAL WATCH BY COUNTY PRODUCTS MAY BE

ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

THIS NOTICE AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

<HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM>

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