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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-48...AMENDED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1110 EST FRI NOV 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: MARK TEW  
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: AMENDED...CHANGE TO OPERATIONAL WATCH BY COUNTY  
PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8 2005

AMENDED TO CONTINUE UPDATE WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/ AND  
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN/ AS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS  
AFTER FEBRUARY 8 2005. THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ AND THE  
NORMAN... OK WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WILL HOST A WATCH BY  
COUNTY AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON  
DECEMBER 8 2005 IN NORMAN TO BRIEF USERS ON RECENT DECISIONS AND  
AMENDED SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE INITIAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/ ISSUED BY  
SPC WILL INCLUDE VTEC.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 UTC...SPC WILL BEGIN  
ISSUING OPERATIONAL FINAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/.  
A FINAL WOU NOTIFIES CUSTOMERS THAT A TORNADO OR SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM WATCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR HAS EXPIRED. UPDATE WOUS  
WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS. UPDATE WOUS DEPICT INDEPENDENT  
CITIES AND ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES WHICH REMAIN IN  
ACTIVE TORNADO AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCHES.

WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN/ ISSUED BY WFO/S IN THE  
CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF HAWAII WILL REMAIN  
EXPERIMENTAL. WFOS ISSUE AN INITIAL WCN AT THE START TIME OF THE  
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCH. WFOS ISSUE UPDATE WCNS TO  
CANCEL FROM 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 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](http://www.weather.gov/OS/WATCH/WBC_ADD.PDF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WATCH BY COUNTY MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

<http://www.weather.gov/OS/WATCH>

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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