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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-48...AMENDED...CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1015 AM EST WED NOV 10 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

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

CORRECTED TO CHANGE DATE OF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP FROM DECEMBER 8
2005 TO DECEMBER 8 2004 AND TO CORRECT REFERENCE TO VTEC IN SECOND
PARAGRAPH TO INDICATE OPERATIONAL VTEC.

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 2004 IN NORMAN OK 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 OPERATIONAL VTEC.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 UTC...SPC WILL BEGIN
ISSUING OPERATIONAL FINAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/.
FINAL WOU/S NOTIFY CUSTOMERS THAT A TORNADO OR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM
WATCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR HAS EXPIRED. UPDATE WOU/S WILL REMAIN
EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS. UPDATE WOU/S 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. WFO/S ISSUE AN INITIAL WCN AT THE START TIME OF THE
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCH. WFO/S ISSUE UPDATE WCN/S 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 A WFO/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 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

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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