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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-51...CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
730 AM EDT WED AUG 18 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: THOMAS GRAZIANO
CHIEF...HYDROLOGIC SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CORRECTED: CHANGE TO STANDARDIZED...VTEC-ENCODED
FORMAT FOR HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 8 2005

CORRECTED TO CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE IN SUBJECT LINE FROM FEBRUARY
8 2004 TO FEBRUARY 8 2005

FOLLOWING UP ON THE PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE OF MAY 28 2004 AND
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-05 DATED AUGUST 2 2004 AND IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VALID TIME
EVENT CODE /VTEC/...ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 08 2005 AT 1200
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...ALL WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES
WILL OPERATIONALLY IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS IN A
STANDARDIZED FORMAT WHICH INCORPORATES VTEC AND USES SEGMENTATION
WHEN APPROPRIATE...

FLOOD WATCH /FFA/
FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST POINTS /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST
POINTS /FLS/
AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLS/
FLOOD STATEMENT - ADVISORIES /FLS/

THE NEW NATIONALLY CONSISTENT FORMAT WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO
READ AND OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM FLOOD WATCHES... WARNINGS...
STATEMENTS...AND ADVISORIES. SEGMENTATION WILL ALLOW MULTIPLE
ACTIONS TO BE PROVIDED IN A SINGLE PRODUCT. FOR EXAMPLE...A
SINGLE FLOOD WATCH PRODUCT FOLLOWING UP A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FLOOD
WATCH COULD HAVE THREE SEGMENTS...ONE WHICH CANCELS THE WATCH FOR
PART OF ITS ORIGINALLY ISSUED AREA...A SECOND WHICH CONTINUES THE
WATCH FOR THE REMAINING PART OF THE ORIGINAL AREA...AND A THIRD
WHICH EXTENDS THE WATCH INTO A NEW AREA.

EXAMPLES OF FLOOD WATCH...FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST POINTS...

FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST
POINTS...AREAL FLOOD WARNING...FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP AREAL
FLOOD WARNING...AND FLOOD STATEMENT - ADVISORY PRODUCTS IN THE
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT FORMAT MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING
SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

<http://www.weather.gov/OS/WATER/SEGMENTED>

MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VTEC CAN BE FOUND AT THE VTEC WEB
SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

<HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/VTEC>

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

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