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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-53...CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
930 AM EDT TUE OCT 19 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...CHANGE OF CLIFTON FORGE...VA FROM
INDEPENDENT CITY TO TOWN STATUS IN PUBLIC
PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1 2005

CORRECTED TO CHANGE TABLE 1 BY CORRECTING AWIPS ID ENTRY... THE
ENTIRE WATCH CLEARANCE NOTIFICATION ENTRY AND ADDING THE WATCH
OUTLINE UPDATE ENTRY.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY... FEBRUARY 1 2005 AT 400 AM EASTERN STANDARD
TIME /EST/...0900 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/... THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WILL IMPLEMENT A CHANGE TO THE
FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM /FIPS/ CODE FOR CLIFTON
FORGE IN VIRGINIA. IF SEVERE WEATHER IS OCCURRING... OR FORECAST
TO OCCUR... AT THE SCHEDULED IMPLEMENTATION TIME... AN UPDATED
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO POSTPONE THIS CHANGE
UNTIL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2 2005 AT 400 AM EST. THE FIPS CODE FOR
THE INDEPENDENT CITY OF CLIFTON FORGE /560/ WILL NO LONGER BE
USED IN PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 1 AND WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE
FIPS CODE FOR ALLEGHANY COUNTY /005/.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY... WHICH
ASSIGNS AND MAINTAINS FIPS CODES... OFFICIALLY CHANGED THE FIPS
CODE FOR CLIFTON FORGE IN JULY OF 2001 BUT FOR SEVERAL REASONS
NWS DID NOT MAKE THE CHANGE AT THAT TIME. THE FIPS CODE CHANGE
IS CAUSED BY THE CHANGE IN STATUS OF CLIFTON FORGE FROM
INDEPENDENT CITY TO TOWN STATUS. CLIFTON FORGE IS NOW AN
INCORPORATED PLACE WITHIN ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

THE COUNTY FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ USED IN
NWS PRODUCTS AND THE COUNTY PORTION OF THE NOAA WEATHER RADIO
/NWR/ SPECIFIC AREA MESSAGE ENCODING /SAME/ CODE ARE DIRECTLY
DERIVED FROM THE FIPS COUNTY CODE. THEREFORE ON FEBRUARY 1 2005
AT 400 AM EST... NWS WILL BEGIN USING THE COUNTY CODE NUMBER FOR
ALLEGHANY COUNTY /005/ AND DISCONTINUE USING THE CURRENT CODE
NUMBER FOR CLIFTON FORGE /560/. THE COUNTY CODE IS CRITICAL FOR

RECEIVING WATCH... WARNING AND FOLLOW-UP PRODUCTS SUCH AS TORNADO AND FLOOD WATCHES AND WARNINGS.

ALL NWS CUSTOMERS AND WEATHER RADIO OWNERS WHO RECEIVE PRODUCTS COVERING CLIFTON FORGE AND RELY ON THE C FORM OF THE UGC CODE...OR THE NWR SAME COUNTY CODE...MUST REPROGRAM THEIR EQUIPMENT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 2005 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE WARNINGS LISTED IN TABLE 1. WE RECOMMEND CUSTOMERS PROGRAM THE NEW CODE /005/ AT THEIR CONVENIENCE BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 2005 AND RETAIN THE CURRENT CODE /560/ IN THEIR SYSTEM/S/ UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY 1. THAT WAY THE CHANGE ON FEBRUARY 1 WILL BE TRANSPARENT AND USERS WILL ONLY NEED TO DELETE THE OLD CODE /560/ AT THEIR CONVENIENCE AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION.

FOR NOAA WEATHER RADIO LISTENERS IN THE CLIFTON FORGE AREA:

ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN CLIFTON FORGE...SUCH AS THE MEDIA... LAW ENFORCEMENT... EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT... AND SCHOOLS... WHO OWN A WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER WITH NWR SAME CAPABILITIES... AND HAVE PROGRAMMED IN CLIFTON FORGE INDEPENDENT CITY... MUST REPROGRAM THEIR WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER/S/ TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WARNINGS FOR CLIFTON FORGE. INSTRUCTIONS ON REPROGRAMMING YOUR WEATHER RADIO ARE IN THE OWNERS MANUAL OR AVAILABLE FROM THE MANUFACTURER OF YOUR RADIO... YOUR LOCAL RETAILER OR ONLINE AT THE MANUFACTURER WEB SITE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION A LIST OF MANY WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER MANUFACTURERS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRRCVR.HTM

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION USEFUL TO REPROGRAM YOUR WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER ARE:

NWS OFFICE IN BLACKSBURG HOME PAGE AT:
[HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/RNK/](http://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/RNK/)

NWS NOAA WEATHER RADIO SAME CODE INFORMATION PAGE AT:
[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRSAME.HTM](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRSAME.HTM)

TOLL-FREE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE NWS:
1-888-NWR-SAME OR 1-888-697-7263

TABLE 1. NWS PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE FIPS CODE CHANGE FOR CLIFTON FORGE VA FROM INDEPENDENT CITY TO TOWN STATUS:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
TORNADO WARNING	WFUS51 KRNK	TORRNK
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING	WUUS51 KRNK	SVRRNK
FLASH FLOOD WARNING	WGUS51 KRNK	FFWRNK
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS51 KRNK	SVSRNK
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS71 KRNK	FFSRNK
FLOOD WARNING	WGUS41 KRNK	FLWRNK
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS81 KRNK	FLSRNK

WATCH REDEFINING STATEMENT WWUS61 KAKQ SLSVA
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION WWUS61 KRNK WCNRNK
WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE WOUS64 KWNS WOU#
IS LAST DIGIT OF WATCH NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND 9.

UPDATED COUNTY FILES AND MAPS DELETING THE REFERENCE TO CLIFTON FORGE AS INDEPENDENT CITY AND INCLUDING CLIFTON FORGE AS A PART OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE BY NOVEMBER 1 2004 /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/COUNTY/HTML/COUNTY.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/county/html/county.htm)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS AND ANY FUTURE NWS IMPLEMENTATIONS OF FIPS CODE CHANGES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWSFIPSCHG.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwsfipschg.htm)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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

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