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 /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS
AND EMPLOYEES

FROM:    MARK TEW
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

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 ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE
PROCESSING SYSTEM /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 CLIFTION 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/.

NWS NOAA WEATHER RADIO SAME CODE INFORMATION PAGE AT:
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 VIRGINIA FROM INDEPENDENT CITY TO TOWN STATUS:

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# 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/:


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

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National service change notices are online at /use lower case letters/:

https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive

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