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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-10  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1120 AM EST TUE FEB 14 2006

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY FOR INCLUSION OF VTEC IN FLOOD  
WARNINGS...WATCHES AND ADVISORIES FOR FORECAST POINTS: BEGINNING APRIL 4  
2006

REFERENCE: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 05-28](#)...TRANSMITTED JUNE 30 2005  
AND [SCN 06-02 /CORRECTED/](#)...TRANSMITTED JANUARY 23 2006.

BEGINNING TUESDAY APRIL 4 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...AS PART OF A RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...SELECTED WEATHER FORECAST  
OFFICES /WFOS/ IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES /CONUS/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING  
OPERATIONAL FLOOD WARNINGS...WATCHES AND ADVISORIES FOR FORECAST POINTS  
WITH EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/.

SPECIFICALLY...THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

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

FOR A LIST OF OFFICES WHICH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS RISK REDUCTION  
ACTIVITY...CHECK THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO\\_VTEC.SHTML](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO_VTEC.SHTML)

VISIT THIS WEBSITE PERIODICALLY FOR THE LATEST AVAILABLE LIST OF WFOS  
PARTICIPATING IN THE RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY. THIS WEBSITE ALSO PROVIDES  
THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON HYDROLOGIC VTEC...INCLUDING NWS  
LOCATION IDENTIFIER SYSTEM /NWSLI/ INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES FOR RISK  
REDUCTION...OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION /OTE/ AND OPERATIONAL  
IMPLEMENTATION.

EXAMPLES OF HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS IN THE NEW FORMAT WITH VTEC CAN BE FOUND IN THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS MANUAL 10-923...WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL DIRECTIVES SYSTEM WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009023PEND.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009023pend.pdf)

PROCEDURES ON THE CONTENT...FORMAT AND APPLICATION OF VTEC IN HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS INSTRUCTION 10-922...WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL DIRECTIVES SYSTEM WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009022PEND.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009022pend.pdf)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VTEC CAN BE FOUND AT THE VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/VTEC](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/vtec)

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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