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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-23
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
920 AM EDT TUE JUN 20 2006

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 AND PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICE /WFO/ FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS:
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18 2006

REFER TO: SCN 06-10 TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 14 2006

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME /UTC/...PENDING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY AND A SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONAL
TEST AND EVALUATION /OTE/...VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ WILL
BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE FOLLOWING WFO PRODUCTS:

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/

AS DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES...THESE PRODUCTS
WILL UNDERGO SEVERAL CHANGES. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

1. A BULLETED...ONE FORECAST POINT PER SEGMENT FORMAT WILL BE
USED...WITH EACH SEGMENT ENDING WITH A DOUBLE DOLLAR SIGN.
2. EACH SEGMENT WILL HAVE ITS OWN UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE/S/
/UGC/ LISTED WITH THE ASSOCIATED FORECAST POINT. THE SAME UGC
COULD OCCUR IN MULTIPLE SEGMENTS IF A COUNTY HAS MORE THAN ONE
FORECAST POINT.
3. EACH SEGMENT WILL HAVE ITS OWN VTEC FOLLOWING THE UGC.

EXAMPLES OF HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS WITH THE NEW FORMATS AND VTEC CAN
BE FOUND IN THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS MANUAL 10-923...WHICH IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE UNTIL JULY 11 2006 AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

ON JULY 11...THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS MANUAL 10-923 WILL BECOME OFFICIAL AND THEN ITS URL WILL BE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009023CURR.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009023curr.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 ONLINE UNTIL JULY 11 2006 AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec)

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON HYDROLOGIC VTEC...INCLUDING SOME NEW TRAINING MATERIALS FOR USERS OF NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...NWS LOCATION IDENTIFIER INFORMATION...AND SCHEDULES FOR RISK REDUCTION... OTE...AND OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO_VTEC.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec/hydro_vtec.shtml)

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

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

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