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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-12
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
800 AM EDT FRI MAR 16 2007

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

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SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE
/VTEC/ IN AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS ISSUED BY SELECTED
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES: EFFECTIVE APRIL 2 2007

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 06-02 TRANSMITTED
JANUARY 19 2006 AND CORRECTED SCN 06-02 TRANSMITTED
JANUARY 26 2006

EFFECTIVE APRIL 2 2007 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/... SELECTED NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFO/ WILL BEGIN
INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THE FOLLOWING AREAL FLOOD
PRODUCTS:

FLASH FLOOD WARNING /FFW/
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT /FFS/
AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP TO AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLS/
FLOOD STATEMENT - AREAL ADVISORIES /FLS/

NOTE: EXPERIMENTAL VTEC FOLLOWS ALL VTEC STANDARDS AS DESCRIBED
IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1703...BUT USES THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/
PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

AS INDICATED IN SCN 06-02 AND CORRECTED SCN 06-02...INCLUSION OF
HYDROLOGIC VTEC HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR
SOME TIME. MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO ENSURE VTEC WAS READY FOR
THESE PRODUCTS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL VTEC AT SELECTED WFOS IS
BEING DONE AS PART OF A RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY TO DETERMINE
READINESS FOR NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION. PENDING A SUCCESSFUL RISK
REDUCTION ACTIVITY...NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL
VTEC IN THE ABOVE PRODUCTS IS PLANNED TO OCCUR BY SEPTEMBER 13
2007. FULL OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION IS SLATED FOR OCTOBER 17
2007. THE ONLY CHANGE TAKING PLACE ON OCTOBER 17 WILL BE A
SWITCH FROM USING THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE TO THE

OPERATIONAL /O/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN ALL NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...INCLUDING TABLES LISTING THE WFOS PARTICIPATING IN THIS RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...CAN BE FOUND ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTIFICATIONS VIA RSS FEED WHEN ANY ITEM ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE IS UPDATED...CLICK THE RSS/XML LOG AT THE TOP OF THE WEB PAGE....OR ADD THE FOLLOWING RSS FEED URL:
[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO/HYDROVTEC.XML.RSS](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/vtec/hydro/hydrovtec.xml.rss) /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/ TO YOUR RSS READER TO SUBSCRIBE.

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

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

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

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

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