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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-13
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: NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME
EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST
POINTS EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2007

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 06-10 TRANSMITTED
FEBRUARY 14 2006 AND SCN 06-23 TRANSMITTED
JUNE 20 2006

EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2007 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...ALL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFO/ WILL BE INCLUDING
EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS.
THE AFFECTED FLOOD PRODUCTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

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

AS CITED IN SCN 06-10...NUMEROUS WFOS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUING
THESE PRODUCTS WITH EXPERIMENTAL HYDROLOGIC VTEC SINCE APRIL
2006 AS PART OF A RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY. BY THE END OF THIS
RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...40 WFOS WERE INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL
VTEC IN THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS AND CONTINUE TO
DO SO. ON JUNE 5 2007 ALL 122 WFOS WILL BE INCLUDING
EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS.
THIS MEANS 82 ADDITIONAL WFOS WILL START INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL
VTEC IN THESE PRODUCTS ON THAT DATE. NOTE: EXPERIMENTAL VTEC
FOLLOWS ALL VTEC STANDARDS...BUT USES THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/
PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

ON TUESDAY JULY 17 2007...VTEC WILL BECOME OFFICIALLY
OPERATIONAL IN FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS FROM ALL 122
WFOS. THE ONLY CHANGE TAKING PLACE ON THIS DATE WILL BE A SWITCH
FROM USING THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE TO THE
OPERATIONAL /O/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

THESE DATES FOR NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LATER THAN THE FALL 2006 DATE ANNOUNCED IN SCN 06-23. MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO ENSURE VTEC WAS READY FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN ALL NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS 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 WEB SITE 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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