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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-29  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
303 PM EDT MON MAY 21 2007

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

FROM: ELI JACKS  
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SUBJECT: NEW PRODUCT TYPE LINE AND PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS FOR AIR  
QUALITY ALERT MESSAGE /AQA/ PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE  
MAY 30 2007

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MAY 30 2007 NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES  
/WFO/ WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ISSUE AN AIR QUALITY ALERT  
MESSAGE /AQA/ PRODUCT FOR RELAYING IMPORTANT AIR QUALITY  
INFORMATION FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES. THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE  
MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE: AIR QUALITY ALERT  
MESSAGE.

THE AQA IS AN EVENT DRIVEN PRODUCT. IT IS ISSUED WHEN EXTERNAL  
AGENCIES RELAY MESSAGES WHICH MEET OR EXCEED ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY STANDARDS FOR POOR AIR QUALITY.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE AQA PRODUCT...A STATIC PRODUCT EXAMPLE...A  
LIST OF WFOS ISSUING THE AQA...THE AWIPS IDENTIFIERS AND THE WMO  
HEADINGS ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/AQA.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/aqa.htm)

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS  
SPECIFIED BY NWSI 10-1805...THE NEW PROPOSED AQA PRODUCT WAS  
REQUESTED BY...AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH...NWS  
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICES AND AIR QUALITY PARTNERS TO BE  
READY TO GO WITH THIS CHANGE ON MAY 30 2007.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT

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