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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-18
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1120 AM EDT DAY MAR 11 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ENHANCEMENT TO THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE:
EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008

THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE PROVIDES REAL-TIME OBSERVATIONS FROM
DROPWINDSONDES RELEASED IN AND AROUND TROPICAL CYCLONES. THE
CURRENT MESSAGE FORMAT PROVIDES INSUFFICIENT LOCATION PRECISION
FOR CERTAIN DROPWINDSONDES RELEASED IN VERY STRONG WINDS CLOSE TO
THE CENTER OF CIRCULATION.

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008 THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE
62626 NATIONALLY-DEVELOPED CODE GROUP IN THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE:

1. ADDITION OF A RELEASE LOCATION/TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED /REL/
2. ADDITION OF A NEW SPLASH LOCATION/TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED /SPG/

NOTE: THE FORMER SPLASH/LOCATION TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED
SPL...WILL BE RETAINED BUT LIKELY NOT BE USED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW 62626 CODE GROUP FOLLOWS:

62626 REL XXXXXNXXXXXXW HHMMSS SPG XXXXXNXXXXXXW HHMMSS

COMPLETE TEMPDROP MESSAGE FORMATS ARE PROVIDED IN THE NHOP. SEE
TABLE G-6. THE NHOP IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.OFCM.GOV/HOMEPAGE/TEXT/PUBS.HTM](http://www.ofcm.gov/homepage/text/pubs.htm)

THE 2007 NHOP IS NOW POSTED ON THE INTERNET AND THE 2008 NHOP
WILL BE POSTED BY JUNE 1 2008.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT

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