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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-25
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: NEW DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENTS TO BE ISSUED BY NWS
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES: BEGINNING JUNE 10 2008.

ON JUNE 10 2008...NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFO/ WILL BEGIN
ISSUING...ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS...DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENTS
/DGT/ FOR THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

DGTS WILL PROVIDE A UNIFIED SUMMARY OF CURRENT DROUGHT SEVERITY
... INDICES...DATA...IMPACTS...FORECASTS AND PRODUCTS AND OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION TO ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE USERS TO
FOCUS DROUGHT MITIGATION EFFORTS ON AREAS OF THE GREATEST NEED.
THE DGT WILL RESULT IN DISCONTINUANCE OF USING THE HYDROLOGIC
OUTLOOK /AWIPS ID ESFXXX/ FOR THE PRODUCT FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE
DROUGHT OUTLOOK. THE DGT ESTABLISHES A SEPARATE AWIPS IDENTIFIER
TO BE USED FOR THE NEW DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENT.
THE GENERIC WMO HEADING AND AWIPS IDENTIFER FOR THE DGT AT WFO
LOCATION CCCC/XXX IS:

WMO HEADING AXAA7I CCCC AWIPS ID DGTXXX

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AWIPS ID AND WMO HEADINGS FOR DGTS
FROM EACH WFO...GO TO:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DM-CGI-BIN/CHGSHOW.PL?FN=DM03-08.10.TXT](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DM-CGI-BIN/CHGSHOW.PL?FN=DM03-08.10.TXT)
/LOWER CASE EXCEPT DM IN DM03-08.10 IS UPPER CASE/

IMPORTANT NOTE: USERS OF NWS PRODUCTS MUST UPDATE THEIR
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DIRECTORIES TO RECEIVE THE NEW DGT PRODUCTS.

DROUGHT INTENSITY...AS INDICATED IN THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR
/USE LOWER CASE/

[HTTP://DROUGHT.UNL.EDU/DM/MONITOR.HTML](http://DROUGHT.UNL.EDU/DM/MONITOR.HTML)

WILL BE THE PRIMARY...BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE ONLY...CRITERIA
USED IN DETERMINING WHEN AN INITIAL DGT IS ISSUED. AN INITIAL DGT
WILL BE ISSUED WHEN:

1. THE DROUGHT MONITOR INDICATES A DROUGHT INTENSITY AT THE LEVEL OF D2 OR WORSE IN ANY PORTION OF THE WFO COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA... OR

2. A LESS SEVERE CRITERION IS REACHED...IF THIS IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR LOCAL PARTNERS AND OTHER USERS.

ALTERNATE CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF INITIAL DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENTS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN CERTAIN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

ONCE AN INITIAL DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED... FOLLOW-UP DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. MORE FREQUENT ISSUANCES OF THE DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENT WILL OCCUR WHEN DROUGHT CONDITIONS CHANGE OR WHEN A LOCAL OR REGIONAL CRITERION HAS BEEN MET REQUIRING AN UPDATE.

THE NORMAL 120 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES INTRODUCING NEW NWS PRODUCTS WAS WAIVED IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS WITH THE PROVISION OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DGT POLICY...INCLUDING PRODUCT FORMAT AND EXAMPLES...GO TO /USE LOWER CASE/

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01012001CURR.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01012001curr.pdf)

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