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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
-NOAAPORT
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 /WFOS/ 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
/ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /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 WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING AND AWIPS
IDENTIFIER 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 /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT USE UPPER CASE FOR DM IN DM03-08.10/:

[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)

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/:

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

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