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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-26
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1110 AM EDT MON APR 7 2008

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SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF THE VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN
THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST /CWF/ AND NEARSHORE MARINE
FORECAST /NSH/: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-27: TRANSMITTED
APR 7 2008

ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/... THE CWF AND NSH PRODUCTS WILL NO LONGER CARRY OPERATIONAL
VTEC. OPERATIONAL VTEC WILL BE CARRIED IN THE MARINE WEATHER
MESSAGE /MWW/ PRODUCT. THE MWW PRODUCT WILL SERVE AS THE DEDICATED
LONG DURATION MARINE WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY BULLETIN AND WILL
CONTAIN ALL THE VTEC INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ISSUED IN THE CWF AND
NSH. SELECTED WFOS HAVE BEEN ISSUING THE MWW EXPERIMENTALLY SINCE
AUGUST 1 2007.

PLEASE SEE SCN 08-27... DATED APR 7 2008... FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON THE NEW OPERATIONAL MWW PRODUCT EFFECTIVE AUG 5 2008.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MWW PRODUCT AND AN EXAMPLE OF THE
NEW FORMAT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww)

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