SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-18
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1000 AM EST FRI FEB 27 2009

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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ASHFALL WARNING WITH VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN NON-PRECIPITATION WEATHER PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE JULY 6 2009

EFFECTIVE WITH EACH NWS FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ INSTALLATION OF ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ OPERATIONAL BUILD /OB/ 9.2 SOFTWARE...WFOS WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ISSUE ASHFALL WARNINGS IN NON-PRECIPITATION WEATHER /NPW/ PRODUCTS. INSTALLATION OF AWIPS OB9.2 SOFTWARE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 6 2009.

THE NEW ASHFALL WARNING...VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ AF.W...WILL BE ISSUED BY NWS WFOS WHEN SIGNIFICANT ACCUMULATION OF VOLCANIC ASH IS EXPECTED OR IS OCCURRING DUE TO A VOLCANIC ERUPTION OR RESUSPENSION OF PREVIOUSLY DEPOSITED ASH.

DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE ASHFALL WARNING WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN UPDATE TO NWS INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-515...WFO NON-PRECIPITATION WEATHER PRODUCTS SPECIFICATION...ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTPS://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005015CURR.PDF

AND IN NWSI 10-1703...VALID TIME EVENT CODE...APPENDIX C... PARAGRAPH 1...VALID VTEC EVENTS...AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT THE VTEC IN VTECEVENTS.XLS MUST BE UPPER CASE/:  

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/RESOURCES/VTECEVENTS.XLS

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