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

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
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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/:

[HTTPS://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005015CURR.PDF](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](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec/resources/vtecevents.xls)

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