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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-PRECIPIATION  
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-PRECIPIATION  
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/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005015CURR.PDF](http://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)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

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