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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-33  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
800 AM EDT DAY APR 22 2009

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
-FAMILY OF SERVICES  
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK  
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT /HLS/  
FORMAT: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2009

BEGINNING JUNE 1 2009 NWS FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL ISSUE THE HLS USING AN OVERVIEW BLOCK IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING TROPICAL CYCLONE SEGMENTED VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ BLOCKS. THE OVERVIEW BLOCK WILL PROVIDE STORM INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO...AND OF INTEREST TO...THE ENTIRE COUNTY WARNING AREA/MARINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH WFO.

THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESPONSE TO USER COMMENTS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE PRODUCT. THE CHANGES WILL RESULT IN A SHORTER OVERALL PRODUCT...WITH STANDARDIZED SECTION HEADERS PROVIDED IN AN OPTIONAL OVERVIEW BLOCK AND IN THE VTEC SEGMENTS. ADDITIONALLY THE NEW PRODUCT WILL BE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH NOAA WEATHER RADIO /NWR/ BROADCASTS AND TONE ALERT PROCEDURES.

A SUMMARY OF THE PRODUCT FOR 2009 IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/HURRICANE/PDFS/HLS.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/hurricane/pdfs/hls.pdf)

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE AWIPS IDENTIFIERS...WMO PRODUCT HEADINGS OR PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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