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

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
-NOAAPORT
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 WEATHER 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 LOWER CASE/:

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

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM
/AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS...WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ PRODUCT
HEADINGS OR PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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