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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-41  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
925 AM EDT MON JUL 27 2009

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ USERS  
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS  
NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: CYNDIE ABELMAN  
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SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF INTERNATIONAL ROUTE FORECASTS:  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2 2009

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2 2009 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE NWS WILL DISCONTINUE THE ROUTE FORECASTS /ROFOR/ FOR  
KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO /RFRKWA/ AND FOR MAJURO TO TARAWA /RFRFFN/.

AWIPS IDENTIFER WMO HEADING GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTOR

RFRKWA FROC32 PHFO KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO  
RFRFFN FROC33 PHFO MAJURO TO TARAWA

THE FINAL RFRKWA WILL BE ISSUED AT 1900 UTC ON SEPTEMBER 1 2009.  
THE FINAL RFRFFN WILL BE ISSUED AT 1730 UTC ON AUGUST 28 2009.

THE ROFOR FOR SAN FRANCISCO/SANTA BARBARA TO HONOLULU /RFRKSF/  
IS UNAFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND WILL CONTINUE.

WFO HONOLULU...IN ITS CAPACITY AS A METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICE  
DESIGNATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
/ICAO/...ISSUES ROFORS DAILY FOR A ROUTE FROM KWAJALEIN TO  
MAJURO AND WEEKLY FOR A ROUTE FROM MAJURO TO TARAWA. THESE  
ROFORS PROVIDE FLIGHT LEVEL WIND AND TEMPERATURE INFORMATION.  
WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE WINDS AND TEMPERATURES ALOFT PRODUCTS  
/FB BULLETINS/...IMPLEMENTED IN AWIPS CHANGE NOTICE #AB943 IN  
SEPTEMBER 2004...THESE TWO ROFORS PROVIDE DUPLICATE INFORMATION  
AND ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. IN ADDITION THE ICAO...IN AMENDMENT 74  
TO ANNEX III...REMOVED THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
ROFORS.

FB BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV/PRODUCTS/NWS/WINDS/](http://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV/PRODUCTS/NWS/WINDS/)

WFO HONOLULU SOLICITED COMMENTS OVER A TWO-MONTH PERIOD IN  
2008...SEEKING FEEDBACK FROM ANYONE WHO MAY STILL USE THESE  
ROFORS. ONLY ONE COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM AN AIRLINE STATING

THAT IT NO LONGER USES THE KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO ROFOR. NO  
COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE MAJURO TO TARAWA ROFOR.

COMMENTS WERE ALSO SOLICITED REGARDING THE SAN FRANCISCO/SANTA  
BARBARA TO HONOLULU ROFOR. THERE WAS OVERWHELMING FEEDBACK THAT  
THIS ROFOR WAS VITAL AND SHOULD CONTINUE. THEREFORE NO CHANGES  
ARE BEING MADE TO RFRKSF.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-811 /ENROUTE FORECASTS AND ADVISORIES/ WILL  
BE UPDATED TO REMOVE RFRKWA AND RFRFFN DURING THE NEXT ROUTINE  
DIRECTIVE REVIEW CYCLE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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