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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-52  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
315 PM EST FRI DEC 4 2008

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FROM: ELI JACKS  
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL CHANGE IN MINIMUM HAIL SIZE CRITERION  
FOR ISSUING SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING /SVR/  
AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT SVS/ PRODUCTS  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5 2010

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY JANUARY 5 2010 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...ALL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL OPERATIONALLY  
CHANGE THE MINIMUM HAIL SIZE CRITERION USED TO ISSUE SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM WARNING /SVR/ AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT /SVS/  
PRODUCTS FROM 3/4 INCH /PENNY/ DIAMETER OR LARGER HAIL TO 1 INCH  
/QUARTER/ DIAMETER OR LARGER HAIL.

NO CHANGE IS BEING MADE TO THE SVR AND SVS PRODUCT WIND CRITERION  
OF WIND GUSTS EQUAL TO OR IN EXCESS OF 50 KNOTS /58 MPH/.

A PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT /PNS/ SOLICITING COMMENTS REGARDING  
THIS CHANGE WAS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 23 2009 /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/PNS09\\_1\\_INCH\\_HAIL.TXT](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/pns09_1_inch_hail.txt)

NWS RECEIVED 63 COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE PNS...54 OF WHICH /86  
PERCENT/ SUPPORTED THIS CHANGE. A WEB PAGE WILL BE CREATED TO  
ADDRESS ALL COMMENTS SINCE SOME COMMENTS INDICATED A NEED FOR  
ADDITIONAL OUTREACH. THIS WEB PAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER 15  
2009 AND WILL BE PUBLICIZED VIA ANOTHER PNS.

NWS REVIEWED ALL COMMENTS BEFORE DECIDING TO CHANGE MINIMUM HAIL  
SIZE CRITERION FOR SVR AND SVS PRODUCTS.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN REGION WFOS CURRENTLY ISSUE SVR AND SVS  
PRODUCTS EXPERIMENTALLY USING THE 1 INCH /QUARTER/ DIAMETER OR  
LARGER HAIL SIZE CRITERION /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIFICATION/SCN09-19HAIL\\_CHANGE.TXT](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn09-19hail_change.txt)  
AND  
[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIFICATION/SCN09-36WR\\_HAIL\\_EXP.TXT](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn09-36wr_hail_exp.txt)

THESE WFOS WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE 1 INCH /QUARTER/ HAIL SIZE  
CRITERION PRODUCTS EXPERIMENTALLY THROUGH JANUARY 4 2010. ALL NWS  
WFOS WILL ADOPT THE NEW CRITERION OPERATIONALLY ON JANUARY 5 2010.

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM)

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