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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-12  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
920 AM EST WED FEB 24 2010

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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT FORMAT:  
EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2010

BEGINNING MAY 15 2010...IN RESPONSE TO USER COMMENTS RECEIVED IN  
THE 2009 HURRICANE SEASON...CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE  
HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT /HLS/ PRODUCTS ISSUED BY NWS FORECAST  
OFFICES /WFO/S. NWS WILL RETAIN THE FORMAT OF THE HLS ADOPTED IN  
2009...WITH AN OVERVIEW BLOCK FOLLOWED BY TROPICAL CYCLONE  
WATCH/WARNING VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ SEGMENTS

THE CHANGES FOR 2010 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. WATCHES AND WARNINGS WILL BE ORDERED IN THE OVERVIEW  
BLOCK...PRIMARILY BY HAZARD TYPE AND SECONDARILY BY RELATIVE  
LOCATION...AS FOLLOWS:

HURRICANE WARNING FOR COASTAL ZONES  
HURRICANE WIND WARNING FOR INLAND ZONES  
HURRICANE WARNING FOR MARINE ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WARNING AND HURRICANE WATCH FOR COASTAL ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WIND WARNING AND HURRICANE WIND WATCH FOR INLAND  
ZONES  
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TROPICAL STORM WARNING FOR MARINE ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR COASTAL ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WIND WATCH FOR INLAND ZONES

TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR MARINE ZONES

2. THE SECTION HEADLINES WITHIN THE MARINE ZONE SEGMENTS CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

THE /MARINE/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL NO LONGER BE USED.  
THE /WINDS/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL CHANGE TO /WINDS AND SEAS/.  
THE /TORNADOES/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL CHANGE TO /TORNADOES AND WATERSPOUTS/.

A SUMMARY OF THE HLS FORMAT FOR 2010 AND AN HLS EXAMPLE IS PROVIDED ON LINE AT:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/hurricane/resources/hls.pdf>

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- AWIPS IDENTIFIERS
- WMO PRODUCT HEADINGS
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE CRITERIA.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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