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

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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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 WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/. 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:

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 WATCH FOR COASTAL ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WIND WATCH FOR INLAND ZONES  
TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR MARINE ZONES

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 ONLINE  
AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS
- WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ PRODUCT HEADINGS
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE CRITERIA.

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

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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