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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-17  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
945 AM EST MON MAR 8 2010

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
-FAMILY OF SERVICES  
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
-NOAAPORT  
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK  
-OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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SUBJECT: CHANGE TO CODING OF HIGH DENSITY OBSERVATION /HDOB/  
MESSAGE FOR MISSING DATA: EFFECTIVE JULY 15 2010

EFFECTIVE JULY 15 2010...THE CODING OF THE HDOB MESSAGE FOR  
MISSING DATA TRANSMITTED FROM NOAA AND AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE  
AIRCRAFT WILL CHANGE FROM 999 TO ///. THIS CHANGE IS BEING MADE  
FOR HDOBS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CODING OF MISSING DATA FOUND  
IN OTHER METEOROLOGICAL DATA MESSAGES.

IN ADVANCE OF THIS CHANGE...USERS OF HDOB MESSAGES MAY NEED TO  
MAKE CHANGES TO THEIR SOFTWARE TO CORRECTLY PROCESS THE NEW DATA  
FORMAT.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO WMO HEADINGS OR AWIPS IDS OF THE  
HDOB MESSAGES.

IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE... AN  
ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED AS EARLY AS  
POSSIBLE TO NOTIFY USERS. FOR EXAMPLE IF THERE IS AN ACTIVE  
TROPICAL CYCLONE IN THE DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 15...OR TROPICAL  
DEVELOPMENT IS ANTICIPATED AROUND THIS DATE... A NEW  
IMPLEMENTATION DATE WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE OLD AND NEW HDOB MESSAGE FORMATS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE  
2010 NATIONAL HURRICANE OPERATIONS PLAN /NHOP/ APPENDIX G. THE  
2010 NHOP WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JUNE 1 2010 AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.OFCM.GOV](http://www.ofcm.gov)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT

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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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