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Subject: Corrected to include Special Marine Warnings (SMW) and  
Marine Weather Statements (MWS) for the Great Lakes.  
Transition from Experimental to Operational Status of  
the Wind-Hail Tag Line for NWS Central Region Severe  
Thunderstorm Warnings: Effective November 15 2010

Effective Monday, November 15, 2010, NWS Weather Forecast  
Offices (WFOs) in the NWS Central Region (CR) will transition a  
service enhancement associated with severe thunderstorm warnings  
from experimental to operational status. The enhancement is the  
concise coded tag line identifying maximum forecast wind gusts  
and hail size at the end of severe thunderstorm warnings (SVR),  
associated follow-up statements (SVS), Special Marine Warnings  
(SMW) for the Great Lakes and Marine Weather Statements (MWS)  
for the Great Lakes.

Inclusion of this information at the end of these products  
represents an effort to respond to requests from partners in the  
emergency management community and several societal impacts  
groups. One specific application concerns the use of this  
information to activate emergency alert sirens when conditions  
exceed user-defined thresholds, a decision normally reserved for  
tornado events.

The tag line makes easily accessible the information necessary  
to reach such a decision. In addition, it facilitates the use of  
parsing software to automate alerting functions whether by  
government officials or private sector vendors.

Feedback during the experimental test period was so  
overwhelmingly positive that the NWS CRH decided to make this  
change a permanent and official part of severe thunderstorm  
warnings issued from NWS CR WFOs. A map showing all CR WFOs is  
available online at:

[http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/cr\\_wfos.pdf](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/cr_wfos.pdf)

A more detailed description of the coded tag line, including format and examples, can be found in the Service Description Document (SDD) at:

<http://products.weather.gov>

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