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Subject: Eliminating Winter Storm Warning Code at 8 Offices
 Effective January 18 2012

Reference the following PNS requesting comments:
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/pns11extreme_cold.txt

Beginning Wednesday January 18, 2012, and continuing through April 15, 2012, select NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will issue a consolidated experimental Extreme Cold (EC) Warning product in lieu of all Wind Chill products on an experimental basis. In addition, the EC product will alert people to cold ambient temperatures with no wind.

Users who normally receive Wind Chill Watches, Warnings and Advisories via the Winter Storm Warning (WSW) product using NWS Valid-Time Event Codes (VTEC) of WC.A, WC.W, WC.Y will need to go to the appropriate Non-Precipitation Warning (NPW) products listed in Table 1 below and parse using the single VTEC (EC.W) to receive all cold-related products. WFO Little Rock, AR (LZK) will issue the experimental EC Warning under a NPW only for cold windless conditions, but will continue to issue WSW Wind Chill products for a combination of cold and windy conditions.

TABLE 1.

WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
Rapid City, SD	WWUS73 KUNR	NPWUNR
Aberdeen, SD	WWUS73 KABR	NPWABR
Sioux Falls, SD	WWUS73 KFSD	NPWFSD
Bismarck, ND	WWUS73 KBIS	NPWBIS
Eastern ND/Grand Forks, ND	WWUS73 KFGF	NPWFGF
Minneapolis, MN	WWUS73 KMPX	NPWMPX
Duluth, MN	WWUS73 KDLH	NPWDLH
Little Rock, AR	WWUS73 KLZK	NPWLZK

A Product Description Document (PDD) is online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php>

Please submit comments to:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=ecw>

Upon the completion of this experimental period and the close of this Public Information Statement comment period, NWS will evaluate all comments to determine whether to proceed with national implementation of the Extreme Cold warning products.

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