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Subject: Change to the Tropical Weather Outlook Text  
Products Effective May 15, 2012

Effective May 15, 2012, the following change will occur in the Tropical Weather Outlook (TWO) text products to facilitate broadcast of the TWO on the NOAA Weather Radio network. While there are no changes to the product issuance criteria, AWIPS product identifiers, or WMO headers, users who parse portions of these products may need to make changes in their software applications. These changes also apply to the Special TWO text products.

TWO products often contain references to additional AWIPS product identifiers and WMO headers, in the body of the product, advising users to look for additional information on systems mentioned in products issued by other NWS offices or the meteorological services of other nations.

Through 2011, any additional AWIPS product identifiers and WMO headers referenced in the body of the TWO were provided above the double ampersand symbols.

Effective on May 15, 2012, any AWIPS product identifiers and WMO headers referenced in the body of the TWO will be provided below the double ampersand symbols.

Examples of the new formats for the TWO are provided online at:

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/two\\_example.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/two_example.shtml)

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