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SUBJECT: Transition of NCEP Mesoscale Discussions for Heavy  
Rainfall from Storm Prediction Center to HPC  
Effective April 9 2013

Effective April 9, 2013, at 1500 UTC the NCEP Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) will assume responsibility for issuing Mesoscale Precipitation Discussions (MPDs) for heavy rainfall events expected in the next 6 hour timeframe. These products will include a graphic outlining the areas of concern and a technical discussion in text format. These products will be similar to and replace those Mesoscale Convective Discussions (MCDs) for heavy rainfall currently issued by the Storm Prediction Center (SPC). SPC will continue to produce MCDs for severe weather and winter weather using the same AWIPS headers.

The HPC MPDs will be available using the following AWIPS headers:

Text discussions  
AWIPS PIL: FFGMPD  
WMO ID: AWUS01 KWNH

Redbook Graphics  
WMO ID: PENA01 KWNH

12Planet ID for MPD forecaster is hpc\_Metwatch.

The products will also be available online at:

[http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/metwatch/metwatch\\_mpd.php](http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/metwatch/metwatch_mpd.php)

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