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Subject: GOES 12 Decommissioning to Occur August 16, 2013

GOES-12 is scheduled to be decommissioned on August 16, 2013. GOES-12 was launched on July 23, 2001, and it has supported South America at 60°W since May 2010. The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) announced the decommissioning on July 9, 2013.

The decommissioning will end the broadcast of the EMWIN-I legacy data stream. This broadcast was put in place to assist users in the transition to EMWIN-N on the operational GOES East and West satellites and facilitate manufacturer testing. Any remaining legacy users should migrate to EMWIN-N capable systems and use GOES East or West.

GOES 12 EMWIN-I users can also continue to receive EMWIN with an Internet connection through the EMWIN ByteBlaster Network if unable to upgrade to newer equipment.

For the latest information on the GOES 12 decommissioning and for a list of vendors that currently provide EMWIN-N capable systems, please go to:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/EMWIN/transition.htm>

<http://www.weather.gov/EMWIN/winven.htm>

EMWIN is a low cost satellite weather data broadcast service that provides one of the most resilient methods of receiving NWS weather information. The service includes warnings, forecasts, graphics and imagery. The goal of EMWIN is to provide emergency managers the capability to respond faster to severe weather, tsunamis and other hazards.

More information on the EMWIN service can be found at the EMWIN

website at:

<http://www.weather.gov/EMWIN/index.htm>

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