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Subject: Transfer of Hydrologic Services for the Western Atchafalaya River Basin to Weather Forecast Office Lake Charles, LA: Effective February 5, 2014

Effective Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 12:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), hydrologic service responsibility for river forecast locations in St. Mary, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Landry, and Avoyelles Parishes will be transferred to the Weather Forecast Office in Lake Charles, LA (WFO LCH) from the WFO in Slidell, LA (WFO LIX). This transfer will include the river forecast point locations given in Table 1 below. These changes will align Hydrologic Service Areas and Parish Warning Areas to enable more efficient service.

Because of this transfer, partners and other users must take appropriate action to receive the products listed in Table 2 for the Atchafalaya River forecast points in St. Mary, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Landry, and Avoyelles Parishes using the WFO LCH identifier.

Updated hydrologic service area shapefiles are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/hydro/html/hsa.htm>

Table 1: River Forecast Points Transferring to WFO Lake Charles

Forecast Point -----	Parish -----	Identifier -----
Atchafalaya River at Simmesport	Avoyelles	SMML1
Atchafalaya River at Melville	St. Landry	MLVL1
Atchafalaya River at Krotz Springs	St. Landry	KRZL1
Atchafalaya River above Butte La Rose	St. Martin	BLRL1
Atchafalaya River at Grand Lake	St. Mary	GNDL1
Atchafalaya River at Morgan City	St. Mary	MCGL1

Table 2: Products Affected by This Change for the Atchafalaya River in Louisiana. Headers Referred to as New are Existing Headers that Will be Used After the Transfer

Product -----	WMO Heading -----	AWIPS ID -----
Flood Watch	/NEW/ WGUS64 KLCH */OLD/ WGUS64 KLIX*	/NEW/ FFALCH /OLD/ FFALIX
Flood Warning	/NEW/ WGUS44 KLCH */OLD/ WGUS44 KLIX*	/NEW/ FLWLCH /OLD/ FLWLIX
Flood Statement	/NEW/ WGUS84 KLCH */OLD/ WGUS84 KLIX*	/NEW/ FLSLCH /OLD/ FLSLIX
Daily River and Lake Summary	/NEW/ FGUS54 KLCH */OLD/ FGUS54 KLIX*	/NEW/ RVDLCH /OLD/ RVDLIX
Hydrologic Outlook	/NEW/ FGUS74 KLCH */OLD/ FGUS74 KLIX*	/NEW/ ESFLCH /OLD/ ESFLIX

*These old products will continue to exist, but will cover locations and areas other than those in the western Atchafalaya River basin locations of Louisiana.

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