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Subject: Corrected: Operational Implementation of the Storm
Prediction Center (SPC) Categorical Day 1-3
Convective Outlooks for CONUS, Effective
October 22, 2014

Corrected to change Day 2 Red Book Graphic (RBG) Categorical
Outlook WMO Header to PGWI47 KWNS and Day 3 RBG Categorical
Outlook to PGWK48 KWNS

Effective Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 1500 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), the SPC Categorical Day 1-3 Convective
Outlooks for CONUS will transition from experimental to
operational status.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/pns14day1-3outlooks.htm>

After operational implementation, the SPC Categorical Day 1-3
Convective Outlooks for the CONUS will include two new risk
categories. Also, the associated text products will include
these new categories and a new public-oriented, plain language
national "SUMMARY" section above the "SYNOPSIS" or geographic
area text discussion.

The addition of the new risk categories is based on customer
feedback and the need to provide better consistency with other
NWS products. Additional information and examples of these
Outlooks (using historical data) are online at:

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/exper/dy1-3example/>

Currently, SPC uses the risk categories; SEE TEXT, SLIGHT,
MODERATE and HIGH.

After operational implementation on October 22, 2014, the SPC
will use the following categories:

Category 1 - "MARGINAL" replaces the current "SEE TEXT".

Category 2 - "SLIGHT" - little change, except the higher risk part of "SLIGHT" will become "ENHANCED".

Category 3 - "ENHANCED" is a new category to delineate areas of risk in the high end of the current "SLIGHT" risk, but below "MODERATE" risk.

Category 4 - "MODERATE" - no change.

Category 5 - "HIGH" - no change.

More information regarding these risk categories is online in the Product Description Document (PDD) at:

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

The new "SUMMARY" section in the associated text products is a general 1-2 sentence statement of the severe weather expected, focused on the primary risk area, but including other risk areas when appropriate. The "SUMMARY" section facilitates consistent, forecaster-driven, concise communication for public consumption and for direct parsing into other products, such as the Public Severe Weather Outlook, web page headlines, social media communication, multimedia briefings, etc. The section header is a single line with the word "SUMMARY" preceded and followed by three-dot ellipses (...SUMMARY...).

The following products reflect these changes:

WMO Header AWIPS ID Description

WMO Header	AWIPS ID	Description
ACUS01	KWNS SWODY1	Day 1 Convective Outlook Discussion
WUUS01	KWNS PTSDY1	Day 1 Convective Outlook Areal Outline
PGWE46	KWNS RBG940	Day 1 Red Book Graphic Categorical Outlook
LDIZ17	KWNS N/A	Day 1 NDFD Categorical Outlook
ACUS02	KWNS SWODY2	Day 2 Convective Outlook Discussion
WUUS02	KWNS PTSDY2	Day 2 Convective Outlook Areal Outline
PGWI47	KWNS RBG990	Day 2 Red Book Graphic Categorical Outlook
LDIZ27	KWNS N/A	Day 2 NDFD Categorical Outlook
ACUS03	KWNS SWODY3	Day 3 Convective Outlook Discussion
WUUS03	KWNS PTSDY3	Day 3 Convective Outlook Areal Outline
PGWK48	KWNS RBG980	Day 3 Red Book Graphic Categorical Outlook
LDIZ37	KWNS N/A	Day 3 NDFD Categorical Outlook

The points products (PTSDY1, PTSDY2, and PTSDY3) will include new labels "MRGL" (Marginal) and "ENH" (Enhanced).

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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