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Subject:      Additional Issuance of WPC Probabilistic Winter  
              Precipitation Forecast Guidance Effective  
              October 25, 2017

Effective Wednesday, October 25, 2017, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) issuance, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will update the Probabilistic Winter Precipitation Forecast (PWPF) products more frequently to use the latest numerical weather model output as follows:

- The 1200 UTC guidance, currently sent at 0630 and 0830 UTC, will be updated and resent at 1400 UTC to incorporate the latest numerical weather prediction guidance
- The 0000 UTC guidance, currently sent at 1830 and 2030 UTC, will be updated and resent at 0200 UTC to incorporate the latest numerical weather prediction guidance

In total, the PWPF guidance will be issued 6 times per day

All products will be disseminated on the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN), NOAAPORT, and an ftp server in GRIB2 format.

The PWPF guidance will continue to be available at the following ftp site:

[ftp://ftp.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/conus\\_2.5km/](ftp://ftp.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/conus_2.5km/)

A listing of the WMO headers affected is available at the following URL:

[http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/WPC\\_PWPF\\_WMO\\_Headers.pdf](http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/WPC_PWPF_WMO_Headers.pdf)

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