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Subject: Removal of the NCEP RTOFS Atlantic Forecasting System
 Effective March 14, 2017

Effective on or about March 14, 2017, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will discontinue the North Atlantic Basin Real Time Ocean Forecasting System (RTOFS Atlantic). This system has been superseded by the Global Real Time Ocean Forecasting System (RTOFS Global), which became operational October 2011.

NWS issued a Public Information Statement on November 14, 2016, requesting comments on the proposed termination of this model:
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/pns16-36rtofs_atlantic_remove.htm

Based on responses received, NCEP will discontinue the RTOFS Atlantic. RTOFS Atlantic output products were never made available on NOAAPORT. They are only available on the NCEP ftp servers at:

<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/ofs/prod/>
<http://www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/ofs/prod/ofs.YYYYMMDD>
where YYYYMMDD is the year, month and day.

More details about the suite of products from the Global RTOFS that replaced the legacy RTOFS Atlantic are available at
<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/rtofs/#Global>

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