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Subject: Changes to RWRTX Products in Texas: Effective July 26, 2017

Effective Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 200 PM EDT, the NWS Texas Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in Lubbock (LUB), Austin/San Antonio (EWX) and Dallas/Fort Worth (FWD) will issue their current Regional Weather Roundup (RWRTX) product under new AWIPS IDs. The NWS created new AWIPS IDs specific for each office for ease in parsing and locating the product easier on websites.

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NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to receive the new AWIPS IDs listed in Table 1 by July 26, 2017.

The waiver is requested to implement this change before the forecaster refractor date of August 14, 2017 when it will become more difficult for users and NWS staff to locate the correct office product under the RWRTX. Additionally, since only three field offices are impacted by this proposed change and the change itself is minimal, a 30 day (in contrast to a 75 day) notice is sufficient time for partners and users to make necessary changes to their communication systems to receive the new AWIPS IDs provided the Service Change Notice.

The effective date of this change is sooner than specified by NWS Policy (NWS Instruction 10-1805). The shorter advance lead time was approved because only three field offices are impacted by this proposed change and the change itself is minimal.
Starting on July 26, 2017, users can find the products via the new AWIPS IDs at:

https://forecast-v3.weather.gov/products/types/RWR

On or about August 14, 2017, the link will change to the following:

https://forecast.weather.gov/products/types/RWR

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