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Subject: Transition NWS Extreme Precipitation Monitor (EPM) to  
Operational Status: Effective December 1, 2018

Effective December 1, 2018, the NWS Extreme Precipitation Monitor (EPM) will transition to operational status. The NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has been issuing this product experimentally since 2017.

The WPC is providing the EPM to help users and stakeholders measure the climatological significance or "rarity" of the WPC deterministic precipitation forecast for all continental U.S. (CONUS) locations. The climatological significance is represented by Average Recurrence Intervals (ARIs) and Annual Exceedance Probabilities of precipitation estimates from the NOAA Atlas-14, NOAA-40 and Atlas-2.

To access the EPM, please use the link:

[https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/gpf/epm/extreme\\_precip\\_monitor.php](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/gpf/epm/extreme_precip_monitor.php)

Additional information regarding the EPM may be found in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/Extreme\\_Precipitation\\_Monitor\\_PDD\\_Opnl.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/Extreme_Precipitation_Monitor_PDD_Opnl.pdf)

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