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Subject:  Washington GISC Data Center move
and OpenWIS Software Upgrade: Effective
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In an effort to ensure compatibility with other operational
Global Information System Centers (GISC) and offer an enhanced
functionality in the GISC application, the Washington GISC will
be upgrading to OpenWIS version 3.14 and moving to the
operational data center running in College Park, MD. The change
in operational software version and physical location should be
transparent to users and will not result in changes to known
URLs associated with the Washington GISC. Users should not
expect to see any changes in their search and retrieval
experience. A 30-day sustainability test began Friday, September
16 at 3:00 PM EDT. Users are invited to test the system during
this 30 day period at the following url:


The purpose of this notice is to inform the OpenWIS user
community of these upcoming changes. The Washington GISC
currently runs operationally from Silver Spring, MD. On or about
October 17, 2016, the Washington GISC website may run
operationally from College Park, MD.

Global Information System Centre (GISC) Washington users may
experience brief period of outages or data slowdowns during
system upgrades planned for October 17, 2016 between the hours
of 12Z and 20Z. During this window, GISC functions will be
transferred to new systems running at the NWS data center at
College Park, MD. While no actual outages are expected, there
may be brief periods when users may experience connection
problems and slow access to metadata records and data downloads.

The GISC Washington Portal is at:

http://giscportal.washington.weather.gov/
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