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Subject:    Seeking Comments on the Termination of NWSTG TUA
to BUFR Conversion through Oct 16, 2019

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Central
Operations (NCO) is seeking public comment through October 16, 2019,
on terminating the NWS Telecommunication Gateway (NWSTG) conversion of
legacy Traditional Alphanumeric Code (TAC) Upper Air (TUA) products to
Binary Universal Form for the Representation (BUFR) format over
AWIPS/NOAAPORT.

The purpose of the NWSTG TUABUFR conversion application was to support
the Radiosonde Replacement System (RRS), which was creating bulletins
in the TAC format and needed the NWSTG to convert the products to be
compliant with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) standards.

The RRS now produces upper air bulletins in BUFR format, thus
eliminating the need for conversion.

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The WMO headings below represent the TUABUFR output over
AWIPS/NOAAPORT and are planned for termination:

TTAaII CCCC
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IUSV41-44 KWBC
IUSV46 KWBC
IUSV48 KWBC
IUSV51-54 KWBC
IUSV56 KWBC
IUSV58 KWBC
IUSV61-64 KWBC
IUSV66 KWBC
IUSV68 KWBC
IUSV71-74 KWBC
IUSV76 KWBC
IUSV78 KWBC
IUSU41-44 KWBC
The legacy TUABUFR bulletins listed above have been replaced with the new RRS bulletin headings listed below and are currently being distributed. All users should be directed to the WMO Headed products below:

High Resolution BUFR messages from release to 100hpa

IUKN01-06 DD1XXX CCCC = "XXX" RRS site "CCCC"= WFO
Example IUKN01 KALY DD1ALY

High Resolution BUFR messages from Surface to Termination

IUSN01-06 DD2XXX CCCC = "XXX" RRS site "CCCC"= WFO
Example IUSN01 KALY DD2ALY

NCEP will review all comments and decide how to proceed. A Service Change Notice will be distributed with a termination date if applicable.

For questions pertaining to the termination please contact:

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