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Subject: Updated: Upgrade In-Flight Icing Forecast Icing Product Effective February 19, 2019

Updated to be effective Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Effective Tuesday, February 19, 2019, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) cycle, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will begin operationally producing In-Flight Icing (IFI) Forecast Icing Products. The IFI products will replace the Forecast Icing Product (FIP) suite currently being produced at the Aviation Weather Center.

The IFI is produced hourly from the 13-km Weather Research and Forecasting Rapid Refresh (RAP) model runs. Output includes a 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18-hour forecast for In-flight Icing Probability (ICPRB), Icing Severity (ICSEV), and Supercooled Large Droplet Potential (SLD).

This data is provided over the SBN and NOAAPORT.

The WMO heading for the ICPRB products are as follows:

T1: DATA FORMAT OF GRIB2 /Y/
T2: PARAMETER CODE OF /A/
A1: GRID CODE /W/
A2: FORECAST TIME /ONE OF BCDGJMP*/
   *B = 01 HOUR FORECAST
   *C = 02 HOUR FORECAST
   *D = 03 HOUR FORECAST
   *G = 06 HOUR FORECAST
   *J = 09 HOUR FORECAST
   *M = 12 HOUR FORECAST
   *P = 15 HOUR FORECAST
   *S = 18 HOUR FORECAST
II: LAYER OR LEVEL /ONE OF 30 32-34 36 38 39 41 43 45 46 48
50 53 55 57 60 62 65 67 70 73 75 78 81 84 85 90 93 95/
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The WMO heading for the ICSEV products are as follows:
The WMO heading for the SLD products are as follows:

T1: DATA FORMAT OF GRIB2 /Y/
T2: PARAMETER CODE OF /A/
A1: GRID CODE /X/
A2: FORECAST TIME /ONE OF BCDGJMP9/
   *B = 01 HOUR FORECAST
   *C = 02 HOUR FORECAST
   *D = 03 HOUR FORECAST
   *G = 06 HOUR FORECAST
   *J = 09 HOUR FORECAST
   *M = 12 HOUR FORECAST
   *P = 15 HOUR FORECAST
   *S = 18 HOUR FORECAST

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Data will be available in GRIB2 on the NWS Gateway service via:

ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DC.avspt/DS.fipgb/PT.grid_DF.gr1
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A preview version of the data will be available on para NOMADS here:
https://para.nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/noaaport/

Changes will also be applied to the Aviation Digital Data Service (ADDS) to continue the product availability:
https://www.aviationweather.gov/icing/

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