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Subject: Updated: Graphical Turbulence Guidance Product
 Effective November 12, 2019

Updated to correct Grib2 Parameter 21 (CAT) to Parameter 22 (CAT)

Effective on or about Tuesday, November 12, 2019, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) run, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will switch the production of the Aviation Weather Center's Graphical Turbulence Guidance (GTG) to the Rapid Refresh (RAP) Unified Post-processor. This will necessitate variable name changes to product output on NOAAPORT/SBN and NWS Web Services.

Data are available on NOAAPORT/SBN and in GRIB2 on the NWS Web Services here:

https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DC.avspt/DS.gtggb/PT.grid_DF.gr2/ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DC.avspt/DS.gtggb/PT.grid_DF.gr2/

- The GRIB2 parameter ID's for Clear Air Turbulence will change:
 From Parameter 22 (CAT) to Parameter 29 (CATEDR)
- The GRIB2 parameter ID's for Maximum Turbulence will change:
 From Parameter 219 (TPFI) to Parameter 31 (MXEDPRM)

These data will continue to be provided over the SBN and NOAAPORT. The WMO headings for the CAT (now CATEDR) products are not changing, and are as follows:

T1: DATA FORMAT OF GRIB2 /Y or Z/
T2: PARAMETER CODE OF /V/
A1: GRID CODE /W/
A2: FORECAST TIME /ONE OF ABCDGJMPS/
 *A = Analysis
 *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 14-27 29 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 headings for the MWT (now MWTURB) products are not changing and are as follows:

T1: DATA FORMAT OF GRIB2 /Y/
T2: PARAMETER CODE OF /W/
A1: GRID CODE /N/
A2: FORECAST TIME /ONE OF ABCDGJMPS/
*A = Analysis
*B = 01 HOUR FORECAST
*C = 02 HOUR FORECAST
*D = 03 HOUR FORECAST
*G = 06 HOUR FORECAST
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Additional changes include the unmasking of MWTURB data, providing a full grid of data.

Changes will also be applied to the Aviation Digital Data Service (ADDS) to continue the product availability:

<https://www.aviationweather.gov/>

Sample data will be available here:

<https://para.nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/noaaport/rap/>

NCEP will evaluate feedback and decide whether to proceed. If you have any questions regarding the updated Graphical Turbulence Guidance Product please contact either:

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