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Subject: Service Transfer of Maryland's Garrett and Cecil counties
 to WFO Baltimore-Washington Effective June 2, 2020

Effective Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 800 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), NWS will transfer all warning and forecast responsibility for Garrett and Cecil counties, MD, to the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Sterling, VA, (LWX), from WFO Pittsburgh, PA (PBZ) and Mount Holly, NJ (PHI) respectively. This transfer will enable more efficient service.

If June 2, 2020 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to June 9, 2020.

Partners and users must take appropriate action to receive the products listed in the tables below using the new communication headers shown below. This list of products is not exhaustive. Other products that contain universal generic coding may also be affected.

Table 1: Counties to be transferred to WFO LWX from WFO PBZ and WFO PHI

County Name	UGC County (C) Code	UGC Zone (Z) Code
Garrett	MDC023	MDZ001
Cecil	MDC015	MDZ008

Table 2: Short-Fused Warning Products (UGC - C)

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
TORNADO WARNING	(NEW) WFUS51 KLWX	TORLWX
	* (OLD) WFUS51 KPHI	TORPHI*
	* (OLD) WFUS51 KPBZ	TORPBZ*
SEVERE THUNDER- STORM WARNING	(NEW) WUUS51 KLWX	SVRLWX
	* (OLD) WUUS51 KPHI	SVRPHI*
	* (OLD) WUUS51 KPBZ	SVRPBZ*

FLASH FLOOD WARNING	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS51 KLWX WGUS51 KPHI WGUS51 KPBZ	FFWLWX FFWPPI* FFWPBZ*
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS51 KLWX WWUS51 KPHI WWUS51 KPBZ	SVSLWX SVSPPI* SVSPBZ*
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS71 KLWX WGUS71 KPHI WGUS71 KPBZ	FFSLWX FFSPPI* FFSPBZ*
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WOUS41 KLWX WOUS41 KPHI WOUS41 KPBZ	CEMLWX CEMPPI* CEMPBZ*

Table 3: Long-fused products and products related to short-fused products listed in table 2 (UGC - Z)

PRODUCT -----		WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	FPUS51 KLWX FPUS51 KPHI FPUS51 KPBZ	ZFPLWX ZFPPPI* ZFPPBZ*
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS61 KLWX WGUS61 KPHI WGUS61 KPBZ	FFALWX FFAPPI* FFAPBZ*
NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH/WARNING/ ADVISORY	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS71 KLWX WWUS71 KPHI WWUS71 KPBZ	NPWLWX NPWPPI* NPWPBZ*
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/ ADVISORY	(NEW) * (OLD)	WHUS41 KLWX WHUS41 KPHI	CFWLWX CFWPPI*
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS81 KLWX WWUS81 KPHI WWUS81 KPBZ	SPSLWX SPSPPI* SPSPBZ*
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	NOUS41 KLWX NOUS41 KPHI NOUS41 KPBZ	PNSLWX PNSPPI* PNSPBZ*
LOCAL STORM REPORT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	NWUS51 KLWX NWUS51 KPHI NWUS51 KPBZ	LSRLWX LSRPPI* LSRPBZ*

Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) responsibilities for the river forecast location in Cecil County also will change. NWS

will transfer the responsibility for issuing river statements/summaries and flood watches/warnings/statements from WFO PHI to WFO LWX for the following location:

On the Susquehanna River, for Conowingo Dam (CNWM2)

Table 4: River Products issued for the above mentioned location

PRODUCT -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
FLOOD STATEMENT	(NEW) WGUS81 KLWX * (OLD) WGUS81 KPHI	FLSLWX FLSPHI*
FLOOD WARNING	(NEW) WGUS41 KLWX * (OLD) WGUS41 KPHI	FLWLWX FLWPHI*
FLOOD WATCH	(NEW) WGUS61 KLWX * (OLD) WGUS61 KPHI	FFALWX FFAPHI*
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	(NEW) FGUS81 KLWX * (OLD) FGUS81 KPHI	RVSLWX RVSPHI*
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	(NEW) FGUS71 KLWX * (OLD) FGUS71 KPHI	ESFLWX ESFPHI*
HYDROLOGIC OBSERVATIONS	(NEW) SXUS51 KLWX * (OLD) SXUS51 KPHI	HYDLWX HYDPHI*
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	(NEW) FGUS51 KLWX * (OLD) FGUS51 KPHI	RVDLWX RVDPHI*
MAX/MIN TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION TABLE	(NEW) ASUS61 KLWX * (NEW) ASUS61 KPHI	RTPLWX RTPPHI*

Products marked with an asterisk (*) will continue to be issued by both WFO PHI and WFO PBZ but will no longer contain warning and forecast information for Cecil County, MD and Garrett County, MD respectively.

Updated service area shapefiles will be available online at:

- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>
- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>
- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/Counties>
- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/CWABounds>
- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/HSABounds>

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