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Service Change Notice 20-31 Updated
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Subject: Updated: Service Transfer of Maryland's Garrett and Cecil
 counties to the Baltimore-Washington, NWS Weather Forecast
 Office effective November 10, 2020

Updated to change effective date to November 10, 2020, and add Watch
County Notification information in Table 2.

Effective Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 700 AM Eastern Standard Time
(EST), 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 November 10, 2020 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this
implementation will be postponed to November 17, 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) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WUUS51 KLWX WUUS51 KPHI WUUS51 KPBZ	SVRLWX SVRPHI* SVRPBZ*
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS61 KLWX WWUS61 KPHI WWUS61 KPBZ	WCNLWX WCNPHI* WCNPBZ*
FLASH FLOOD WARNING	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS51 KLWX WGUS51 KPHI WGUS51 KPBZ	FFWLWX FFWPHI* FFWPBZ*
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS51 KLWX WWUS51 KPHI WWUS51 KPBZ	SVSLWX SVSPHI* SVSPBZ*
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS71 KLWX WGUS71 KPHI WGUS71 KPBZ	FFSLWX FFSPHI* FFSPBZ*
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WOUS41 KLWX WOUS41 KPHI WOUS41 KPBZ	CEMLWX CEMPHI* 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 ZFPPHI* ZFPPBZ*
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WGUS61 KLWX WGUS61 KPHI WGUS61 KPBZ	FFALWX FFAPHI* FFAPBZ*
NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH/WARNING/ ADVISORY	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS71 KLWX WWUS71 KPHI WWUS71 KPBZ	NPWLWX NPWPHI* NPWPBZ*
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/ ADVISORY	(NEW) * (OLD)	WHUS41 KLWX WHUS41 KPHI	CFWLWX CFWPHI*
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	WWUS81 KLWX WWUS81 KPHI WWUS81 KPBZ	SPSLWX SPSPHI* SPSPBZ*
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	(NEW) * (OLD) * (OLD)	NOUS41 KLWX NOUS41 KPHI NOUS41 KPBZ	PNSLWX PNSPHI* PNSPBZ*

LOCAL STORM	(NEW)	NWUS51	KLWX	LSRLWX
REPORT	* (OLD)	NWUS51	KPHI	LSRPHI*
	* (OLD)	NWUS51	KPBZ	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
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FLOOD	(NEW)	WGUS81	KLWX	FLSLWX	
STATEMENT	* (OLD)	WGUS81	KPHI	FLSPHI*	
FLOOD	(NEW)	WGUS41	KLWX	FLWLWX	
WARNING	* (OLD)	WGUS41	KPHI	FLWPHI*	
FLOOD	(NEW)	WGUS61	KLWX	FFALWX	
WATCH	* (OLD)	WGUS61	KPHI	FFAPHI*	
HYDROLOGIC	(NEW)	FGUS81	KLWX	RVSLWX	
STATEMENT	* (OLD)	FGUS81	KPHI	RVSPHI*	
HYDROLOGIC	(NEW)	FGUS71	KLWX	ESFLWX	
OUTLOOK	* (OLD)	FGUS71	KPHI	ESFPHI*	
HYDROLOGIC	(NEW)	SXUS51	KLWX	HYDLWX	
OBSERVATIONS	* (OLD)	SXUS51	KPHI	HYDPHI*	
DAILY RIVER AND	(NEW)	FGUS51	KLWX	RVDLWX	
LAKE SUMMARY	* (OLD)	FGUS51	KPHI	RVDPHI*	
MAX/MIN	(NEW)	ASUS61	KLWX	RTPLWX	
TEMPERATURE AND	* (NEW)	ASUS61	KPHI	RTPPHI*	
PRECIPITATION					
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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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