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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 01-32 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1100 AM EST MON NOV 26 2001

- TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS
- FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE CHIEF...INTEGRATED HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES CORE NWS...OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY

SUBJECT: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FROM 1300 UTC ON NOVEMBER 28 2001 UNTIL 2100 UTC ON NOVEMBER 28 2001

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE NO IMPACT ON NOAA WEATHER WIRE SUBSCRIBERS.

THIS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28 2001...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACKUP TEST...FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /SIGMETS/ AND AIRMAN/S METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /AIRMETS/ SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON...MIAMI...FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO AREA FORECAST /FA/ AREAS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED BACKUP PROCEDURES...CONVECTIVE SIGMETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD THAT AFWA IS PROVIDING AWC BACKUP. INFORMATION FOR AREAS OF ACTIVE THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE ISSUED AS NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMETS. THE BACKUP WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE 8-HOUR PERIOD BEGINNING AT 1300 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ 0700 CST.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL BE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE AFWA FORECASTER. AWC WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME FORECASTING SERVICES OR INTERVENE ANYTIME DURING THE TEST IF NECESSARY. DURING THE BACKUP TEST... THE FA WILL BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY THE FORECASTER ON DUTY AT AWC.

THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE:

AIRMET "S"...WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER WAUS1 KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO AIRMET "T"...WMO HEADER WAUS1 KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO AIRMET "Z"...WMO HEADER WAUS1 KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET...WMO HEADER WSUS1 KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE AREA FORECASTS ISSUED ON THE MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC BACKUP TEST...CONTACT:

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