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NATIONAL TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION MESSAGE 01-32
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1100 AM EST MON NOV 26 2001

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
   FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CUSTOMERS
   FAMILY OF SERVICES 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 SIGMETS
AND AIRMETS/SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON...MIAMI...FORT
WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FA AREAS...
WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER/AWC.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED BACKUP PROCEDURES...CONVEXTIVE
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-CONVEXTIVE SIGMETS. THE
BACKUP WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE 8-HOUR PERIOD BEGINNING AT 1300
UTC/0700CST.

DURING THE BACK-UP TEST... A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN KANSAS
CITY 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 BACKUP TEST... THE
AREA FORECAST/FA/WILL BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY THE
FORECASTER ON DUTY AT AWC.

THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE
AIRMET "S"...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...
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