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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
245 PM EST MON JAN 7 2002

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM: MARK ANDREWS
CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICE BRANCH

SUBJECT: PLANNED POWER OUTAGE AT THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER
SCHEDULED FROM 1100 UTC ON JANUARY 9,2002 UNTIL
1300 UTC ON JANUARY 9 2002

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

ON THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING...JANUARY 9 2002...THE AVIATION WEATHER
CENTER /AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL HAVE A PLANNED POWER
OUTAGE FROM 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ UNTIL 1300 UTC.

THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL
ASSUME 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 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 TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER'S TROPICAL SATELLITE AND ANALYSIS
BRANCH WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
SIGMETS AND WEATHER WATCH OF FACA20 KPCI AND FAGX20 KPCI OVER THE
OF THE NEW YORK OCEANIC FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION /FIR/...THE SAN
JUAN OCEANIC FIR...THE MIAMI ATLANTIC FIR...THE MIAMI GULF OF
MEXICO FIR...AND THE HOUSTON OCEANIC FIR.

THE HONOLULU HAWAII FORECAST OFFICE WILL ASSUME WARNING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGMETS FOR THE TWO OAKLAND OCEANIC FIRS THAT
ARE NORMALLY UNDER THE WEATHER WATCH OF THE AWC IN THE PACIFIC
OCEAN.

DURING THE TWO HOUR PLANNED SHUTDOWN...THERE WILL BE NO FLIGHT
FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED AND THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER'S
INTERNET HOME PAGE AND ADDS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. THE
HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHART PRODUCTION SHOULD NOT BE
AFFECTED UNLESS THE POWER OUTAGE LASTS LONGER THAN TWO HOURS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL CENTER IN BRACKNELL ENGLAND HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE SMALL POSSIBILITY THAT THE OUTAGE COULD BE LONGER. THE BRACKNELL OFFICE WOULD PROVIDE THE BACKUP FOR THE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHART IF NECESSARY.

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO ALL AWC ALPHANUMERIC PRODUCTS ON THE EVENING AND MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE POWER OUTAGE BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC PLANNED POWER OUTAGE...CONTACT

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