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PUBLIC INFO STATEMENT...TECH. INFORMATION NOTICE 02-06 CORRECTION
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1000 AM EST FRI MAR 22 2002

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND
PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: HUA-LU PAN
CHIEF...GLOBAL MODELING BRANCH
ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING CENTER /EMC/
NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/

SUBJECT: CORRECTED: DISCONTINUATION OF THE NCEP OPERATIONAL
MEDIUM RANGE FORECAST /MRF/ MODEL SYSTEM...EFFECTIVE
APRIL 23 2002 AT 1200 UTC

...CORRECTED E-MAIL FOR POINT OF CONTACT AT END OF MESSAGE...

ON 23 APRIL 2002 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE
NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL
PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUE THE MEDIUM RANGE FORECAST /MRF/ RUN OF
ITS GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM. AT THIS TIME...NCEP WILL START
CREATING AND DISSEMINATING MRF LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES FROM THE
NEWLY EXTENDED 0000 UTC AVIATION /AVN/ RUN. THE MRF PRODUCTS
FROM THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE
SAME TIME THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL MRF DATA ARE DISSEMINATED.

THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE UNDER TEST
DIRECTORIES ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER. THE LOCATION OF THESE DATA
ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER ARE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

<ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/mrf/para/>

AFTER IMPLEMENTATION...THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES WILL BE
CREATED FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 TO 9 MONTHS TO ALLOW USERS OF THESE
PRODUCTS TIME TO TRANSITION TO THE EXTENDED AVN RUNS.

ANOTHER TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO NOTIFY
CUSTOMERS 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE THE LOOK-ALIKE FILES
WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE WITH THIS IMPLEMENTATION TO ANY OF THE
STANDARD GLOBAL MODEL GRIDS OR PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY
OF SERVICES...THE AWIPS SATELLITE BROADCAST NETWORK...OR FROM THE
NWS FTP SERVER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE CHANGES TO THE NCEP GLOBAL

MODEL...PLEASE CONTACT:

HUA-LU PAN

PHONE: 301-763-8000 EXT. 7234

E-MAIL: HUALU.PAN@NOAA.GOV < CORRECTED E-MAIL

THIS AND OTHER NWS TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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