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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-11
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1225 PM EDT TUE JUL 9 2002

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

FROM: MARK ANDREWS
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY AVIATION BACKUP TEST PLANNED SCHEDULED FROM
        2000 UTC ON JULY 10 2002 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON JULY 11 2002

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

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 10 2002...THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER
/AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL CONDUCT ITS QUARTERLY BACKUP
TEST FROM 2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ UNTIL 0400 UTC
ON JULY 11 2002. 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 AVIATION
WEATHER CENTER. 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.

NO AREA FORECASTS /FA/ WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE BOSTON...MIAMI...
FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FA AREAS
BETWEEN 2000 UTC ON JULY 10TH AND 0400 UTC ON JULY 11TH. EVENING
FAS WILL BE ISSUED AT 0400 UTC.

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

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

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