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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 02-13
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING
THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON JULY 25 2002

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

ON THURSDAY JULY 25 2002...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL EXERCISE ITS BACKUP MODEL DISSEMINATION
SYSTEM. THIS EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 1200
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE. DURING THIS TEST
NO NCEP MODEL GUIDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE. INSTEAD...LOOK ALIKE
PRODUCTS FROM FLEET NUMERICAL OCEANOGRAPHICAL CENTER /FNOC/...
AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...FORECAST SYSTEM LAB /FSL/...
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE /UKMET/ WILL BE
DISSEMINATED. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS TEST /APPROXIMATELY 1800
UTC/ NCEP WILL DISSEMINATE NESTED GRID MODEL /NGM/ MODEL OUTPUT
STATISTICS /MOS/ OUTPUT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE
BACKUP PROCESSING AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DELIVERY TIMES CAN BE
FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT WHERE
NOTED/:

http://www.ncep.noaa.gov/NCO/PMB/nwprod/osobackup/ncep_backup.html

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/NCO AND PMB ARE CAPITALIZED/

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON
JULY 25 2002...WE WILL ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN THE FOLLOWING WEEK ON
AUGUST 1 2002.

AS ALWAYS...NCEP APPRECIATES YOUR PATIENCE DURING THESE
EXERCISES...WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED FLOW OF
MODEL GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTAGE AT THE NCEP SUPER
COMPUTER FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NCEP SUPER COMPUTER
BACKUP TEST PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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