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PUBLIC INFO STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-18  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
530 PM EDT WED SEP 18 2002

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL FORECASTS

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NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING  
THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON OCTOBER 17 2002

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

ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 2002...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL EXERCISE ITS BACKUP MODEL  
DISSEMINATION SYSTEM. THIS EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE  
1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE /OR 1200-1800  
UTC/. DURING THIS TEST NO NCEP MODEL GUIDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
INSTEAD...LOOK ALIKE PRODUCTS FROM FLEET NUMERICAL  
OCEANOGRAPHICAL CENTER /FNMOC/...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](http://www.ncep.noaa.gov/NCO/PMB/nwprod/osobackup/ncep_backup.html)  
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/NCO AND PMB ARE CAPITALIZED/

EXAMPLE DATA SETS OF THE BACKUP DATA CAN BE FOUND AT:

[ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf\\_backup/](ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf_backup/)

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON  
OCTOBER 17 2002...WE WILL ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN THE FOLLOWING WEEK  
ON OCTOBER 24 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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