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PUBLIC INFO STATEMENT...TECH IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-18...RESENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
435 PM EDT WED OCT 16 2002

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

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SUBJECT: RESCHEDULED...QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST NOW
PLANNED DURING THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON
OCTOBER 24 2002

RESCHEDULED...ORIGINAL MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED AS TECHNICAL
IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-18 ON SEPTEMBER 18 2002.

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

ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 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/. THIS TEST HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 2002. IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO ALLOW THE NWS
TO SUPPORT THE SPACE SHUTTLE LANDING ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 2002.

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/

DURING THE TEST WE WILL MAKE LOOK-ALIKE NCEP GRIDS AVAILABLE ON
THE NWSTG FTP SERVER. ON THE DAY OF THE TEST THESE DATA CAN BE

FOUND IN THE SAME DIRECTORIES THAT THE NCEP ETA...GFS /AVN/...
WAVE...AND RUC MODELS NORMALLY RESIDE. THIS SERVER IS LOCATED
AT /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT WHERE NOTED/:

ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/
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/SL AND ST ARE CAPITALIZED/

ADDITIONALLY...BACKUP DATA SETS IN THEIR NATIVE FORMAT CAN BE
FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf_backup/

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON
OCTOBER 24 2002...THIS TEST WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE.
ONCE A NEW DATE HAS BEEN COORDINATED...NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT A
MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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

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

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