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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-23
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM: MARK ANDREWS
CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY AVIATION BACKUP TEST PLANNED SCHEDULED FROM
2000 UTC ON OCTOBER 16 2002 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON
OCTOBER 17 2002

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

ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 2002...THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL CONDUCT ITS QUARTERLY SERVICE BACKUP
TEST FROM 2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ OCTOBER 16 UNTIL
0400 UTC OCTOBER 17 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 AWC. 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
SIGMETS FOR CONVECTION IN NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET FORMAT. NO AREA
FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE BOSTON...MIAMI...
FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FA AREAS
BETWEEN 2000 UTC AND 0400 UTC. 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.

ALSO THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER...THE ALASKAN AVIATION WEATHER
UNIT...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER...AND THE HONOLULU FORECAST
OFFICE WILL CONDUCT QUARTERLY BACKUP TESTING OF METEOROLOGICAL
WATCH OFFICE PRODUCTS FROM 2000 UTC ON OCTOBER 16 UNTIL 0400 UTC
ON OCTOBER 17 2002.

THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS...AIRMETS...AREA FORECAST AND

ROFORS FOR THE HONOLULU FORECAST OFFICE MWO AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER WILL ASSUME WARNING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ALASKAN AVIATION WEATHER UNIT MWO AREA FOR VOLCANIC ASH SIGMETS AT ALL ALTITUDES AND ROUTINE SIGMETS AT ALTITUDES ABOVE FLIGHT LEVEL 20000 FT.

THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER TROPICAL ANALYSIS AND FORECAST BRANCH WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND WEATHER WATCH OF FACA20 KKCI AND FAGX20 KKCI OVER THE FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS OF THE NEW YORK OCEANIC FIR...THE SAN JUAN OCEANIC FIR...THE MIAMI ATLANTIC FIR...THE MIAMI GULF OF MEXICO FIR...AND THE HOUSTON OCEANIC FIR. THE FACA FOR 2130 UTC WILL BE ISSUED AT 2000 UTC FROM AVIATION WEATHER CENTER.

THE HONOLULU HAWAII FORECAST OFFICE WILL ASSUME WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGMETS FOR THE TWO OAKLAND OCEANIC FIRS THAT ARE NORMALLY UNDER THE WEATHER WATCH OF THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AVIATION BACKUP TEST... CONTACT:

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