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TO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
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OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL GRAPHICS

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SUBJECT RENAMING AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE NCEP MRF AND AVN
MODELS TO THE GFS ON THE NCEP MODEL WEB PAGES...
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2003

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

ONE YEAR AGO...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION
/NCEP/ BEGAN AN EFFORT TO RENAME AND CONSOLIDATE THE MRF AND AVN
MODEL RUNS INTO A SINGLE SYSTEM CALLED THE GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM
/GFS/. THE MRF RUN WAS DISCONTINUED IN APRIL 2002 AND FORECAST
DATA FROM THE 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ AVN HAS BEEN
DISTRIBUTED IN ITS PLACE EVER SINCE.

THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS WILL OCCUR ON TUESDAY...APRIL 15
2003...WHEN THE NCEP MODEL GRAPHICS WEB PAGE WILL BE UPDATED TO
REFLECT THIS NEW CONFIGURATION. ON THIS DATE...THE MRF GRAPHICS
AND WEB PAGES WILL BE REMOVED AND THE AVN WEB PAGES AND GRAPHICS
WILL BE RENAMED THE GFS. USERS WHO ACCESS THESE IMAGES WITH A
WEB BROWSER WILL NOT BE GREATLY IMPACTED BY THIS CHANGE. USERS
WHO ACCESS THESE IMAGES DIRECTLY...WITHOUT A WEB BROWSER...WILL
HAVE TO MODIFY THEIR SCRIPTS TO POINT TO THE RENAMED DIRECTORIES
AND IMAGES.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DIRECTORY AND FILENAME
STRUCTURE WILL CHANGE...NOTE ALL HTML REFERENCES ARE IN LOWER
CASE.

OLD...[http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/avn/
12/images/avn_slp_120l.gif](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/avn/12/images/avn_slp_120l.gif)

NEW...[http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/gfs/
12/images/gfs_slp_120l.gif](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/gfs/12/images/gfs_slp_120l.gif)

ON MARCH 11 2003...WE WILL CREATE LINKS TO THESE NEW DIRECTORIES
AND IMAGE FILENAMES TO ALLOW USERS WHO DO NOT ACCESS THESE VIA A
WEB BROWSER APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO MODIFY THEIR PROCESSING

BEFORE THE OLD NAMING CONVENTION IS REMOVED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT THE ETA OR NGM WEB PAGES AND IMAGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CHANGE TO THE NCEP MODEL WEB PAGE PLEASE CONTACT

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