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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-09
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
305 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

TO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM MARK ANDREWS
CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED
FROM 2100 UTC ON MARCH 12 2003 UNTIL 0500 UTC ON
MARCH 13 2003

NOTE...THE FOLLOWING CHANGE HAS NO IMPACT ON NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS

THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 2003...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY
/AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACK-
UP TEST...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 AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /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 NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMETS. DURING
THE BACK-UP TEST...A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN KANSAS CITY WILL BE
COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE AFWA FORECASTER. AWC WILL BE ABLE
TO RESUME FORECASTING SERVICES OR INTERVENE ANYTIME DURING THE
TEST IF NECESSARY. DURING BACKUP TEST...THE AREA FORECASTS /FA/
WILL BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY THE FORECASTER ON DUTY AT
AWC.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE

AIRMET S...WMO HEADINGS WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET T...WMO HEADINGS WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET Z...WMO HEADINGS WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI>
NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET...
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A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE AREA FORECASTS ISSUED
ON THE MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC BACK-UP TEST...
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