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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-xx  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1135 AM EST WED MAR 26 2003

TO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL GRAPHICS

FROM JOHN WARD  
CHIEF...PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT BRANCH  
NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/

SUBJECT QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED  
DURING FOR THE 1300 AND 1400 UTC RUC MODEL CYCLES  
ON APRIL 2 2003

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

BARING CRITICAL WEATHER...ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 2003...NCEP  
CENTRAL OPERATIONS /NCO/ WILL TEST ITS BACKUP MODEL DATA  
DISSEMINATION SYSTEM. FOR THIS TEST...NCO WILL DISSEMINATE  
BACKUP RAPID UPDATE CYCLE /RUC/ PRODUCTS FROM THE FORECAST  
SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ DURING THE 13 AND 14 COORDINATED  
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLES. THESE PRODUCTS...WHICH WILL  
BE DISSEMINATED TO AWIPS/NOAAPORT AND BOTH THE NCEP AND NWS FTP  
SERVERS...WILL LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE NCEP RUC PRODUCTS. DELAYED  
DELIVERY TIMES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE THE ONLY IMPACT END USERS  
SHOULD OBSERVE. AVERAGE DELIVERY TIMES FOR THESE RUNS ARE AS  
FOLLOWS...

13 UTC BACKUP RUC -- PRODUCTS AVAILABLE BY 14:25 UTC  
14 UTC BACKUP RUC -- PRODUCTS AVAILABLE BY 15:25 UTC

THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 35 MINUTES LATER THAN THE NCEP VERSION OF  
THE RUC.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
NCEP BACKUP PROCESSING AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DELIVERY TIMES CAN  
BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS EXCEPT  
FOR NCO AND PMB/

[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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UPPER CASE LETTERS

DURING THIS TEST WE WILL MAKE LOOK-ALIKE NCEP RUC GRIDS AVAILABLE  
AT THE NWS FTP SERVER. ON THE DAY OF THE TEST THESE PRODUCTS CAN  
BE FOUND IN THE SAME DIRECTORIES THAT THE RUC MODEL DATA NORMALLY

RESIDE. THIS SERVER IS LOCATED AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/sl.us008001/st.opnl/>

ADDITIONALLY...BACKUP DATA SETS /FROM AFWA, FNMOC, AND NOAA/FSL)  
IN THEIR NATIVE FORMAT CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

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

THESE DATA ARE AVAILABLE ALL THE TIME ON THIS SERVER.

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 OUR SUPER COMPUTER  
FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NCEP SUPER COMPUTER  
BACKUP TEST PLEASE CONTACT

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