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

CORRECTED TO ADD TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ REFERENCE NUMBER /03-16/ IN MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR BLOCK ABOVE

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

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/

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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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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