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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 03-28  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
430 PM EDT THU JUN 12 2003

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

FROM JOHN WARD  
CHIEF...PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT BRANCH

SUBJECT QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING  
THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON JULY 9 2003

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

ON WEDNESDAY JULY 9 2003...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL EXERCISE ITS BACKUP MODEL DISSEMINATION  
SYSTEM. THIS EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 1200  
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE. DURING THIS TEST  
NO NCEP MODEL GUIDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE. INSTEAD...LOOK ALIKE  
PRODUCTS FROM FLEET NUMERICAL OCEANOGRAPHICAL CENTER /FNOC/...  
AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...FORECAST SYSTEM LAB /FSL/...  
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE /UKMET/ WILL BE  
DISSEMINATED. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS TEST /APPROXIMATELY  
1800 UTC/ NCEP WILL DISSEMINATE NESTED GRID MODEL /NGM/ AND  
GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM /GFS/ MODEL OUTPUT STATISTICS /MOS/  
OUTPUT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
BACKUP PROCESSING AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DELIVERY TIMES CAN BE  
FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT WHERE  
NOTED/...

[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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/NCO AND PMB ARE CAPITALIZED/

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON  
JULY 9 2003...WE WILL ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN THE NEXT DAY...  
JULY 10 2003.

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 THE NCEP SUPER  
COMPUTER FACILITY.

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

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