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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-33  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
310 PM EDT MON SEP 15 2003

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

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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPERCOMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2 2003

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

BARRING CRITICAL WEATHER...ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 2 2003...THE NATIONAL  
CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /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 NOAA/S FORECAST  
SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ DURING THE 1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/  
MODEL CYCLE. THESE PRODUCTS...WHICH WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO THE ADVANCED  
WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS//NOAAPORT AND BOTH THE NCEP  
AND NWS FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /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 PRODUCT AVAILABILITY TIME FOR  
THE 14 UTC BACKUP RUC ARE APPROXIMATELY 1525 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 WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/DOCS/NCEP\\_BACKUP.SHTML](http://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/DOCS/NCEP_BACKUP.SHTML)

DURING THIS TEST...NCO 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 IN WHICH THE RUC MODEL DATA NORMALLY RESIDE. THIS  
SERVER IS LOCATED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.OPNL/](ftp://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.OPNL/)

ADDITIONALLY...BACKUP DATA SETS /FROM THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY...FLEET  
NUMERICAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER AND NOAA/FORECAST SYSTEMS  
LABORATORY /FSL/ IN THEIR NATIVE FORMAT CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://FTPFRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF\\_BACKUP/](ftp://FTPFRD.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 THE NCEP SUPERCOMPUTER FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NCEP CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM BACKUP TEST...PLEASE CONTACT:

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