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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-33
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL FORECASTS

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SUBJECT QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED
FOR OCTOBER 2 2003

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

BARING CRITICAL WEATHER...ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 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 NOAA/S FORECAST
SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ DURING THE 1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE. THESE PRODUCTS...WHICH WILL BE
DISSEMINATED TO 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 WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...

http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/docs/ncep_backup.shtml

DURING THIS TEST...NCEP 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 LETTERS/...

<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/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 THE NCEP SUPER COMPUTER FACILITY.

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

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