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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 04-05...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
340 PM EST WED FEB 25 2004

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS
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SUBJECT: AMENDED: QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST
RESCHEDULED FOR THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON
MARCH 4 2004

REFER TO: TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 04-05 ISSUED
JANUARY 28 2004

DUE TO CRITICAL WEATHER DECLARATION FOR THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26
2004...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/
WILL POSTPONE ITS SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST WHICH WAS SCHEDULED
DURING THE 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE.
THIS TEST WILL NOW BE CONDUCTED DURING OUR PLANNED BACKUP DATE
DURING THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE OF MARCH 4 2004. IF CRITICAL
WEATHER IS DECLARED FOR THIS DATE...A NEW DATE FOR THE BACKUP TEST
WILL HAVE TO BE COORDINATED.

PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL TIN 04-05 FOLLOWS...

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4 2004...NO NCEP
MODEL GUIDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE. INSTEAD...LOOK ALIKE PRODUCTS
FROM FLEET NUMERICAL OCEANOGRAPHICAL CENTER /FNMOC/... 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 LETTERS/:

http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/ncepbk/ncep_backup.html

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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