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TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING
THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON FEBRUARY 26 2004

ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26 2004...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 /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/NCEPBK/NCEP_BACKUP.HTML](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/ncepbk/ncep_backup.html)

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON FEBRUARY 26 2004...WE WILL ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN THE FOLLOWING WEEK...MARCH 4 2004.

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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