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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 04-07
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1025 AM EST THU FEB 5 2004

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

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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE
NCEP ETA MODEL FORECASTS...EFFECTIVE 1200 UTC
APRIL 20 2004

ON TUESDAY APRIL 20 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/
WILL CHANGE THE PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE ETA MODEL
FORECASTS. ON THIS DATE THE ETA MODEL FORECASTS WILL BE RUN IN A
NEW CONFIGURATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE 0-84 HOUR FORECAST SEGMENT
TO BE RUN IN THE CURRENT 0-60 HOUR TIME SLOT. THIS CHANGE WILL
BE PERMANENT AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPACT ON
PRODUCT DELIVERY TIMES:

24 HOUR PRODUCTS: 5-10 MINUTES EARLIER
36 HOUR PRODUCTS: 10-15 MINUTES EARLIER
48 HOUR PRODUCTS: 15-20 MINUTES EARLIER
60 HOUR PRODUCTS: 20-25 MINUTES EARLIER
84 HOUR PRODUCTS: 35-40 MINUTES EARLIER

MORE PRECISE DELIVERY TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCE IN ANOTHER STATEMENT
ONCE TESTING OF THIS CHANGE HAS COMPLETED.

WITH THIS CHANGE...THE FORECAST PERIOD OF THE ETA BUFR SOUNDING
DATA WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM 60 HOURS TO 84 HOURS. EXAMPLE
DATA WITH THESE EXTENDED FORECAST HOURS CAN BE FOUND AT THE
FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/EMC/MMB/MMBPLL/BUFR](ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/emc/mb/mbppl/bufr)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONCERNING EITHER THE
CHANGE IN PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE OR THE CHANGE TO THE ETA BUFR
SOUNDINGS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.NES.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nes.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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