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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 04-08  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
245 PM EST THU FEB 5 2004

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CUSTOMERS  
FAMILY OF SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM: MARK ANDREWS  
CHIEF AVIATION SERVICES  
NWS...OFFICE OF CLIMATE WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED  
FROM 2000 UTC ON FEB 25 2004 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON FEB 26  
2004

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

ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25 2004...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY  
/AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACK-  
UP TEST...FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND  
AIRMETS /SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON... MIAMI...  
FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FA  
AREAS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER  
CENTER /AWC/.

DURING THE BACK-UP TEST...A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN KANSAS CITY  
WILL BE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE AFWA FORECASTER. AWC WILL  
BE ABLE TO RESUME FORECASTING SERVICES OR INTERVENE ANYTIME  
DURING THE TEST IF NECESSARY.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE AREA FORECAST /FA/ AND CONVECTIVE  
SIGMET /WST/ WILL BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY FORECASTERS ON  
DUTY AT AWC.

THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE:

AIRMET S...WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>  
AIRMET T...WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>  
AIRMET Z...WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI>  
NON-CONVECTIVE  
SIGMET...WMO HEADING WSUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE AREA FORECASTS ISSUED  
ON THE MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC BACK-UP TEST...  
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