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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 04-43  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
930 AM EDT MON AUG 30 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: REVISION OF WMO HEADERS ON NCEP/HPC GRIDDED PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE  
NOVEMBER 9 2004

ON NOVEMBER 9 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL  
CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION  
CENTER /HPC/ WILL CHANGE THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/  
HEADERS FOR ITS SENSIBLE WEATHER GUIDANCE. THIS CHANGE IS REQUIRED TO  
ACCURATELY IDENTIFY THESE PRODUCTS AS BEING ENCODED IN GRIDDED BINARY TWO  
/GRIB2/ FORMAT VERSUS GRIB1 FORMAT. AFTER THIS CHANGE...THESE HPC  
PRODUCTS WILL HAVE AN L IN THE FIRST CHARACTER OF THEIR WMO HEADER INSTEAD  
OF A Y. A LIST OF THE OLD AND CORRESPONDING NEW WMO HEADERS CAN BE FOUND  
AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/CHANGES/HPCGRIDS.SHTML](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/hpcgrids.shtml)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS WMO HEADER CHANGE...PLEASE  
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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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