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

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SUBJECT: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FROM 2000 UTC ON MAY 31 2006 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON JUNE 1 2006

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

ON WEDNESDAY MAY 31 2006 FROM 2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ UNTIL 0400 UTC ON JUNE 1 2006...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACKUP TEST...ADVISORY AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND AIRMETS /SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON...MIAMI...FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO AREA FORECAST /FA/ REGIONS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/.

DURING THE Backup 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/ WILL BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY FORECASTERS ON DUTY AT AWC. AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING AVIATION ADVISORIES:

CONVECTIVE SIGMET...WMO HEADERS:
    WSUS31 KKCI
    WSUS32 KKCI
    WSUS33 KKCI
AIRMET...WMO HEADERS:
WAUS41 KKCI
WAUS42 KKCI
WAUS43 KKCI
WAUS44 KKCI
WAUS45 KKCI
WAUS43 KKCI

NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET...WMO HEADERS:
WCUS01 KKCI     WSUS01 KKCI
WVUS01 KKCI     WCUS02 KKCI
WSUS02 KKCI     WVUS02 KKCI
WCUS03 KKCI     WSUS03 KKCI
WVUS03 KKCI     WCUS04 KKCI
WSUS04 KKCI     WVUS04 KKCI
WCUS05 KKCI     WSUS05 KKCI
WVUS05 KKCI     WCUS06 KKCI
WSUS06 KKCI     WVUS06 KKCI

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 BACKUP TEST...
PLEASE CONTACT:

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