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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 07-68  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
226 AM EDT MON SEP 10 2007

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

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SUBJECT: FIRST QUARTER FY08 SCHEDULE: RADIOSONDE REPLACEMENT  
SYSTEM  
/RRS/ IMPLEMENTATION WITH TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS  
OF RADIOTHEODOLITE TRACKING /ART/ AND RADIO DIRECTION  
FINDING RADIOSONDES

THIS FIRST QUARTER NWS WILL TERMINATE UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS FROM  
RADIO DIRECTION FINDING RADIOSONDES AND AUTOMATED RADIOTHEODOLITE  
TRACKING AT THE THREE SITES LISTED BELOW ON OR ABOUT THE DATES  
INDICATED.

SID	STATION NAME	OUTAGE DATE
72797	QUILLAYUTE WA	12 OCT 2007
74455	DAVENPORT IA	26 OCT 2007
72249	FT WORTH TX	30 NOV 2007

NWS UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS WILL RESUME APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS  
LATER. NWS WILL USE THE RRS WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM /GPS/  
RADIOSONDES. EACH OF THESE SITES WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR UP  
TO 2 WEEKS. WHEN RESTORED PARTS OF THE UPPER AIR CODED  
MESSAGES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER.

NWS HAS COORDINATED WITH ITS PARTNERS ON THE LONGER LENGTH OF  
THESE MESSAGES.

THE FORMAT OF THE MESSAGES WILL BE THE SAME WMO FORMAT FOR CODED  
UPPER AIR MESSAGES IN USE WITH THE MICROART LEGACY SYSTEM. THE  
NUMBER OF LEVELS IN THE CODED MESSAGES WILL BE TWO TO THREE  
TIMES GREATER FOR THE TTBB AND TTDD. AS A RESULT TWO CATEGORIES  
OF AWIPS TEXT PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE IN SIZE: SGL AND ABV. THE  
NUMBER OF LEVELS IN THE TTA...TTCC...PPBB AND PPDD PARTS WILL  
BE RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. THESE CHANGES REFLECT UPDATED CODING  
PRACTICES AND HIGHER RESOLUTION LEVEL SELECTION CRITERIA. THE  
MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS OF THE PARTS OF THE CODED MESSAGES ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:

TTAA: 15 LEVELS  
TTCC: 10 LEVELS  
TTBB: 135 LEVELS  
TTDD: 40 LEVELS  
PPBB: 40 LEVELS  
PPDD: 40 LEVELS

IN ADDITION THE 31313 MESSAGE INDICATOR ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS PARTS OF THE MESSAGE WILL BE INCLUDED WITH EACH PART OF THE THERMODYNAMIC MESSAGE PARTS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MESSAGE REQUIREMENTS...REFERENCE WMO 306...MANUAL ON CODES... INTERNATIONAL CODES... VOLUME 1.1 PART A-ALPHANUMERIC CODES... AND WMO 306...MANUAL ON CODES...REGIONAL CODES AND NATIONAL CODING PRACTICES...VOLUME II. USERS CAN FIND INFORMATION ON THE LEVELS SELECTION CRITERIA USED IN NWS CODING SOFTWARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.UA.NWS.NOAA.GOV](http://www.ua.nws.noaa.gov)

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