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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 07-81
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1130 AM EDT WED OCT 24 2007

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

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SUBJECT: NCEP BEGINS PRODUCING NAEFS PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 4 2007

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY DECEMBER 4 2007...WITH THE 1200 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ RUN...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL BEGIN PRODUCING PRODUCTS FROM THE NORTH
AMERICAN ENSEMBLE FORECAST /NAEFS/ MODELING SYSTEM. THIS MODELING
SYSTEM USES OUTPUT FROM BOTH THE NCEP GLOBAL ENSEMBLE FORECAST
SYSTEM /GEFS/ AND THE CANADIAN ENSEMBLE FORECAST SYSTEM /CEFS/
AND COMBINES THEM TO PRODUCE NAEFS OUTPUT.

NCEP WILL BEGIN PRODUCING GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM /GFS/ BIAS
CORRECTED FILES AT 1 DEGREE RESOLUTION...THROUGH 180
HOURS...SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT SET OF NCEP GEFS BIAS CORRECTED
DATA SETS. THERE WILL BE 35 VARIABLES AVAILABLE. THESE HIGHER
RESOLUTION DATA SETS WILL BE ASSIMILATED INTO THE NCEP GEFS BIAS
CORRECTED FORECAST PRODUCTS AND ENHANCE/IMPROVE THE NCEP GEFS
NUMERICAL GUIDANCE. THE NEW AND IMPROVED BIAS CORRECTED NCEP GEFS
DATA SETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 00/06/12/18 UTC. PRODUCTS FOR
WEIGHTS AND ANOMALIES WILL ALSO BE PRODUCED. ALL OUTPUT FROM THE
GEFS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH 384 HOURS EXCEPT FOR THE HIGH
RESOLUTION GFS BIAS CORRECTED FORECASTS.

NCEP WILL BEGIN PRODUCING NAEFS PRODUCTS FROM THE COMBINED NCEP
GEFS...20 MEMBERS...AND CMC GEFS...20 MEMBERS...FOR 00 AND 12
UTC. THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE PRODUCED ON A 1 DEGREE GLOBAL GRID.
PRODUCTS INCLUDE MEANS/SPREADS/MODES AND 10...50...AND 90 PERCENT
PROBABILITY FORECASTS. ANOMALY PRODUCTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.
ALL NAEFS OUTPUT WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH 384 HOURS.

NCEP WILL BEGIN PRODUCING NDFD GRIDDED OUTPUT OVER THE CONUS
DOMAIN...5 KM RESOLUTION ...FROM THE NAEFS AND NCEP GEFS PRODUCT
SUITES. THE NCEP GEFS GRIDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 00/06/12/18 UTC.
THE NAEFS GRIDS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY AT 00 AND 12 UTC. THESE
PRODUCTS WILL CONTAIN 4 VARIABLES:
1 SURFACE PRESSURE

2 2-METER TEMPERATURE
3-4 U/V COMPONENTS OF WIND.

ALSO...MEAN/SPREAD/MODE AND 10/50/90 PERCENT PROBABILITY PRODUCTS WILL BE PRODUCED. ALL NDFD OUTPUT WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH 384 HOURS.

PARALLEL DATA SETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION ON THE NCEP PUBLIC FTP SERVER AT THE URL BELOW. NCEP ENCOURAGES ALL USERS TO EVALUATE THESE DATA SETS. /USE ALL LOWERCASE LETTERS AND THE CURRENT DATE FOR YYYYMMDD/

FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/GENS/PARA/NAEFS.YYYY MMDD

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING CENTER /EMC/ HAS A WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL NCEP MODELING SYSTEMS. /PLEASE USE LOWERCASE LETTERS/

[HTTP://WWW.EMC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV](http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov)

SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING NAEFS CAN BE FOUND AT THE LINK BELOW: /PLEASE USE LOWERCASE LETTERS/

[WWW.EMC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/GMB/YZHU/HTML/IMP/200711_IMP.HTML](http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/yzhu/html/imp/200711_imp.html)

DATA DELIVERY TIMING/VOLUME/CONTENT INFORMATION:

NOAAPORT DATA:

- NO CHANGE IS EXPECTED WITH NCEP GEFS ENSEMBLE PRODUCTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY DELIVERED TO NOAAPORT CUSTOMERS.
- NO CHANGE IS EXPECTED IN THE CONTENT DELIVERY TIME.
- NO CHANGES IN DATA VOLUMES ARE EXPECTED.
- NO CHANGE IN PDS CONTENT IS EXPECTED.

NCEP/NWS FTP SERVERS:

- AT THE CURRENT TIME GLOBAL NCEP GEFS LAT/LON GRIB FILES ARE DELIVERED TO BOTH SERVERS.
- CURRENT DATA SETS WILL BE NOT BE CHANGED
- NO CHANGE IS EXPECTED IN THE CONTENT DELIVERY TIME.
- NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DATA VOLUMES ARE EXPECTED.
- NO CHANGE IN PDS CONTENT IS EXPECTED.
- NEW NAEFS NATIONAL DIGITAL GRIDDED DATABASE /NDGD/ AND BIAS

CORRECTED DATA SETS FOR 00 AND 12 UTC WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER ON THE DAY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION.

NCEP ENCOURAGES ALL USERS TO ENSURE THEIR DECODERS ARE FLEXIBLE AND ARE ABLE TO ADEQUATELY HANDLE CHANGES IN CONTENT ORDER...PARAMETER FIELDS CHANGING ORDER...CHANGES IN THE SCALING FACTOR COMPONENT WITHIN THE PDS OF THE GRIB FILES AND ALSO ANY VOLUME CHANGES WHICH MAY BE FORTHCOMING. THESE ELEMENTS MAY CHANGE WITH FUTURE NCEP MODEL IMPLEMENTATIONS. NCEP WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ALERT USERS TO THESE CHANGES PRIOR TO ANY IMPLEMENTATIONS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SCIENTIFIC CHANGES WITHIN THE MODELING SYSTEM...PLEASE CONTACT:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DATAFLOW ASPECTS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION...PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE NCEP/NCO/PMB DATAFLOW HELPDESK: /USE UPPERCASE LETTERS FOR THE NCEP.PMB.D PORTION OF EMAIL ADDRESS AND LOWERCASE LETTERS FOR THE REMAINDER/

NCEP.PMB.DATAFLOW@NOAA.GOV

THIS AND OTHER NWS TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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