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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 08-26
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
115 PM EST TUE MAR 25 2008

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

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SUBJECT: TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF
FORMAT TEST DATE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 30 2008

REFER TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15 AND TECHNICAL
INFORMATION NOTICE /TIN/ 08-19.

THE ORIGINAL TEST DATE WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26 2008. DUE TO
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES... TESTING OF THE 30-HOUR TAF WILL BE
DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 30 2008.

A MONTHLY TEST TAF WILL BE PROVIDED FOR USERS TO CHECK AND
EVALUATE THEIR ABILITY TO DECODE THE NEW DATE AND TIME FORMAT.
GENERALLY TEST TAF PRODUCTS WITH THE 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT WILL BE
PRODUCED THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER 2008
AT 1400 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME /UTC/.

REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF WILL BE PROVIDED 3 DAYS BEFORE THE
SCHEDULED TEST DAY. IF CRITICAL WEATHER OCCURS ON THE TEST
DAY...THE TEST WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT NON-CRITICAL
WEATHER DAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION
NOTICE PLEASE REFER TO SCN 08-15 OR CONTACT:

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