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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-38  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
155 PM EDT TUE APR 29 2008

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

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST /TAF/  
SERVICE FOR THE CASTLE/MERCER AIRPORT /KMER/  
EFFECTIVE JULY 25 2008

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 25 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/  
THE NWS OFFICE IN HANFORD CALIFORNIA WILL BEGIN TAF SERVICE FOR  
THE CASTLE AIRPORT /KMER/ IN MERCED CALIFORNIA. ROUTINE AND  
UPDATED TAFS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THIS AIRPORT 24 HOURS A DAY.

NWS PERSONNEL WILL NEED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIER TO THEIR  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE THE NEW TAF:

AIRPORT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
CASTLE	FTUS46 KHNX	TAFMER

IN ADDITION THE NEW TAF WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING TAF  
COLLECTIVES BELOW WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED TO FEDERAL AVIATION  
ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ PERSONNEL AND OTHER EXTERNAL USERS.

WMO HEADINGS AVAILABLE TO THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMERS  
FTUS80 KWBC NON-FAA DOMESTIC AND FAMILY OF SERVICES

FTUS90 KWBC FAA WEATHER MESSAGE SWITCHING CENTER AND FAA  
FACILITIES

FTUS52 KWBC GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM CUSTOMERS

HOLDERS OF NWS PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTION 10-813 /TERMINAL AERODROME  
FORECASTS/ SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONS TO THE APPENDICES.  
ALSO AS A REMINDER ON NOVEMBER 5 2008 THE TAF FORMAT WILL CHANGE  
TO A 30 HOUR FORMAT FOR ALL TAFS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE  
CHANGE TO THE 30 HOUR TAF FORMAT PLEASE REFER TO NWS SERVICE  
CHANGE NOTICE 08-15.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TAF ADDITION...CONTACT:

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