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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-63
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
100 PM EDT WED AUG 06 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: STERLING VIRGINIA /KLWX/ UPPER AIR FACILITY TO RELOCATE
WITH RADIOSONDE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM /RRS/: EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 19 2008

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19 2008 THE STERLING VIRGINIA UPPER AIR
/UA/ FACILITY WILL RELOCATE ONE HALF MILE WEST OF ITS LONG TERM
LOCATION AS PART OF THE RELOCATION OF THE STERLING WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/.

NWS WILL TERMINATE UA OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EXISTING SITE ON
SEPTEMBER 15 2008. FOR FOUR DAYS THE STERLING FIELD SUPPORT
CENTER /SFSC/ WILL CONDUCT OFFICIAL UA OBSERVATIONS WITH SFSC RRS
EQUIPMENT. THE SFSC IS ALSO LOCATED WITHIN ONE HALF MILE OF THE
NEW UA RELEASE POINT. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19 2008 UA
OBSERVATIONS WILL MOVE FROM THE SFSC FACILITY TO THE NEW
PERMANENT UA FACILITY ADJACENT TO THE NEW WFO.

THIS TRANSITION TO THE NEW UA LOCATION WILL NOT CHANGE THE FORMAT
OF THE CODED UPPER AIR MESSAGES FROM THE RRS FORMAT IN USE SINCE
THE KLWX TRANSITION TO RRS IN AUGUST 2005.

OFFICIAL DATUM INFORMATION FOR THE NEW UA RELEASE POINT WILL BE
DISSEMINATED IN A SEPARATE TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/.
AT SUCH TIME AS YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR METADATA FILES TO
MAINTAIN THE CORRECT LATITUDE... LONGITUDE... AND ELEVATION DATA
FOR PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM STERLING /KLWX/ UA DATA.

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