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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 09-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1155 AM EST WED FEB 3 2009

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

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SUBJECT: ICAO COMPLIANT TEST OF SIGMET PRODUCTION DURING
FEBRUARY 2009

DURING FEBRUARY 2009 NWS WILL TEST ITS SIGMET PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS. THE TESTS SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT EXERCISE FOR THE THREE U.S. METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICES /MWO/ IN KANSAS CITY...ANCHORAGE AND HONOLULU. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE ALL THREE TYPES OF SIGMETS: VOLCANIC ASH /WV/ TROPICAL CYCLONE /WC/ AND WEATHER PHENOMENA /WS/. THE VALIDITY PERIOD WILL ONLY BE TEN MINUTES.

THE THREE MWOS WILL COORDINATE WITH THE TWO VOLCANIC ASH ADVISORY CENTERS /VAAC/ IN ANCHORAGE AND WASHINGTON FOR THE VOLCANIC ASH SIGMETS. THE TWO TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY CENTERS /TCAC/ IN MIAMI AND HONOLULU WILL COORDINATE FOR THE TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGMETS.

THE TESTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 0200 UTC ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

FEBRUARY 10 2009: SIGMET TEST FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE /WC SIGMET/ IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR AT 0200 UTC WHEN THE MIAMI AND HONOLULU TCACS ISSUE THE TRIGGERING TROPICAL CYCLONE TEST ADVISORIES. THESE ADVISORIES THEN DRIVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE TROPICAL TEST SIGMETS PRODUCED BY THE KANSAS CITY AND HONOLULU MWOS.

FEBRUARY 17 2009: SIGMET TEST FOR VOLCANIC ASH /WV SIGMET/ IS THE SCHEDULED FOR 0200 UTC WHEN THE WASHINGTON AND ANCHORAGE VAACS ISSUE THE TRIGGERING VOLCANIC ASH TEST ADVISORIES. THESE ADVISORIES THEN DRIVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE VOLCANIC ASH TEST SIGMETS PRODUCED BY THE KANSAS CITY... ANCHORAGE AND HONOLULU MWOS.

FEBRUARY 24 2009: SIGMET TEST FOR WEATHER PHENOMENA /WS SIGMET/ IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR AT 0200 UTC WHEN THREE UNITED STATES MWOS ISSUE THEIR TEST SIGMETS.

IF ACTIVE SIGMETS ARE OCCURRING AT THE PROPOSED DATE AND TEST TIME... THE TEST WILL BE CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR THE SAME

TIME AND DATE IN MARCH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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