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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 10-26  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
730 AM EDT FRI MAY 21 2009

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

FROM: CYNDIE ABELMAN  
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SUBJECT: US OCEANIC FIR NAME CHANGE TESTING EARLY JUNE 2010

THE NWS WILL TEST A CHANGE TO THE NAME OF THE OAKLAND OCEANIC FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION /FIR/ FOR /KZOA/ JUNE 3 2010 AT 1600 UTC. DURING THIS TEST THE LARGE OCEANIC FIR WILL BE RENAMED KZAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SIGMET TEST. MEANWHILE THE SMALLER AREA AROUND THE OAKLAND AIRSPACE OVER LAND AND THE IMMEDIATE COAST WILL RETAIN THE NAME KZOA.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TEST IS TO ENSURE THAT FAA SYSTEMS /OASIS AND AISR/ CAN HANDLE THE US SIGMET HEADER CHANGE.

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SIGMET FOR THIS TEST FROM THE HONOLULU METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST LINE THE CURRENT NOTATION KZOA FOR THE LARGE OCEANIC FIR WILL BE REPLACE BY KZAK.

WSPA01 PHFO 031610  
SIGPAN

KZAK SIGMET NOVEMBER 2 VALID 031610/031615 PHFO-  
OAKLAND OCEANIC FIR. CNL SIGMET NOVEMBER 1 VALID 031600/031615.  
TEST TEST TEST. THIS IS A TEST SIGMET.

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SIGMET FOR THIS TEST FROM THE KANSAS CITY METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST LINE THE CURRENT NOTATION KZOA FOR THE LARGE OCEANIC FIR WILL BE REPLACE BY KZAK.

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SIGP0D

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OAKLAND OCEANIC FIR. CNL SIGMET NOVEMBER 1 VALID 031600/031615.  
TEST TEST TEST. THIS IS A TEST SIGMET.

IF ACTIVE SIGMETS ARE OCCURRING AT THE PROPOSED TEST TIME...THE

TEST SIGMET WILL STILL BE ISSUED...CONTAINING TEST...TEST...TEST  
IN THE BODY OF THE SIGMET.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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