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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 /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM: CYNDIE ABELMAN
CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: U.S. 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 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/. DURING THIS TEST...THE LARGE OCEANIC FIR WILL BE RENAMED KZAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /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 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ SYSTEMS /OASIS AND AISR/ CAN HANDLE THE U.S. 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 REPLACED 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 REPLACED BY KZAK:

WSPN04 KPCI 161647
SIGP0D

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.

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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