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Subject: Removal of Cooperative Observer Program Identifiers  
From the Hourly02 and Daily01 Products: Effective March 22, 2011

Effective Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at approximately 1500  
Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), The National Climatic Data  
Center (NCDC) will remove the Cooperative Observer Program  
(Coop) identifiers in the hourly02 (CRNH02) and daily01 (CRND01)  
products produced for stations in the U.S. Climate Reference  
Network (USCRN) and U.S. Historical Climatology Network-  
Modernization (USHCN-M). This change will affect the format of  
both products by shifting the start and end positions of all  
following data columns.

For both products, the second data column is the Coop identifier  
and is 6 characters wide, starting at character 7 and ending at  
character 12. The removal of this column will shift all  
following columns to the left by seven characters, including a  
column separator character. The content and width of those  
following columns will not be changed.

The Weather Bureau Army Navy (WBAN) identifiers will still be  
present in both products and can be used as station identifiers.  
The use of the Coop identifier is being discontinued in these  
networks; the Coop field may read 9999999 before the format  
change is in effect.
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