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Subject: Removal of NCEP Model Analysis and Forecast Webpage:
 Effective April 5, 2011

On or about Tuesday, April 5, 2011, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will remove the Model Analysis and Forecast (MAF) webpages, currently available at:

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/>

The NWS recently issued a Public Information Statement announcing NCEP's new experimental Model Analysis and Guidance (MAG) website:

<http://mag.ncep.noaa.gov>

The MAF and MAG websites showcase the NWS suite of graphical numerical model analyses and guidance and observational database. Based on the comments received from the PNS, NCEP is moving forward with the plan to declare the MAG operational on Tuesday, March 15, and remove the older MAF website and all of its contents on Tuesday, April 5.

In preparation for the removal of the MAF website, NCEP will replace the images available on the MAF with those generated by the MAG on Tuesday, March 15. This change will affect the images retrieved. The images may look different from those previously available on the MAF. In particular, the image size on the MAG is set to medium resolution: 1024 x 768. This means the image links labeled "course" and "fine" on the MAF will now default to the "medium" image.

After March 15, during periods when the numerical models are running and producing output, images on the MAF may lead (be available sooner than MAF indicates), lag (not be available as quickly), or not be available for a few minutes.

A document is provided on the MAG website to guide users in transitioning to the new MAG-provided static image links. Users are strongly encouraged to transition to the new static image links when they become available.

For more information and updates, please refer to the MAG's Latest Information and News document, at:

http://mag.ncep.noaa.gov/NCOMAGWEB/whats_new.html

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