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To: National Weather Service (NWS) Offices
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Customers
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Subject: Ceiling and Visibility Analysis Product to Become
Operational Effective July 24, 2012.

Note: The following changes have no impact on NOAA
Weather Wire Service subscribers

Effective July 24, 2012, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC), the NWS Aviation Weather Center in Kansas City, MO, will
make the Ceiling and Visibility Analysis (CVA) operationally
available on the Aviation Digital Data Service (ADDS) Website.

CVA presents simplified area maps of ceiling, visibility and
flight category outlined as:

Ceiling estimates are displayed as

- (i) Possible Terrain Obscuration (pale orange) for ceilings less than 200 ft agl,
- (ii) less than or equal to 1000 ft agl (pale yellow) from 200 to 999 ft, agl, and
- (iii) 1000 ft agl or greater (pale blue).

Visibility estimates are displayed as

- (i) less than 3 miles (pale yellow), and
- (ii) 3 miles or greater (pale blue).

CVA is intended to accompany other aviation weather products
such as METARS, AIRMETS, TAFs and Area Forecasts to help the
general aviation pilot (particularly the VFR-only pilot) avoid
IFR conditions. To remain current in rapidly changing
conditions, CVA is updated every 5 minutes using the latest
observations. The use of CVA should be followed by further
examination of METARs, TAFs, AIRMETS, Area Forecasts and other
weather information.

CVA primarily is intended to help the general aviation pilot;
however, CVA's quick-glance overview of ceiling and visibility

conditions can be useful to others involved in flight planning or weather briefing.

CVA initially will be available only via the ADDS website at:

<http://www.aviationweather.gov/adds/cv>

For questions regarding the new CVA product, contact:

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