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To National Weather Service (NWS) Offices
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Family of Services (FOS) Subscribers
Other Customers of NWS Aviation Forecasts

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Subject: Amended: Graphical Turbulence Guidance Change
Effective Date Delayed

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

Amended to delay this implementation for at least one week
due to the delay in the implementation of the Rapid Refresh
model. A notification will be sent out as soon as the new
date has been determined

See TIN 11-36, issued July 27, 2011, announcing the
intention to replace the RUC with the RAP, and the Public
Information Statement issued November 9, 2011, proposing to
remove some RUC output products.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/tin11-36ruc.htm>

Effective late February/early March, 2012, 1200 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Aviation Weather Center in
Kansas City, MO, will update the Graphical Turbulence
Guidance (GTG) product in conjunction with the
implementation of the Rapid Refresh (RAP) model. Thus
change impacts users as follows:

1. Resolution of the grid spacing will increase from 20KM
to 13KM.
2. As a result of increased resolution, the parameter Grid
ID (PDS OCTET 7), internal to the GRIB file, will change
to 130. For more information, see

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/docs/on388/tableb.html>

3. Additional forecast hours valid at 04,05,07,08,10 and
11 hours

This change will affect the following WMO headers for GTG:

WMO FLIGHT
HEADER LEVEL

YVW*14 KKCI FL450
YVW*15 KKCI FL440
YVW*16 KKCI FL430
YVW*17 KKCI FL420
YVW*18 KKCI FL410
YVW*19 KKCI FL400
YVW*20 KKCI FL390
YVW*21 KKCI FL380
YVW*22 KKCI FL370
YVW*23 KKCI FL360
YVW*24 KKCI FL350
YVW*25 KKCI FL340
YVW*26 KKCI FL330
YVW*27 KKCI FL320
YVW*29 KKCI FL310
YVW*30 KKCI FL300
YVW*32 KKCI FL290
YVW*33 KKCI FL280
YVW*34 KKCI FL270
YVW*36 KKCI FL260
YVW*38 KKCI FL250

YVW*39 KKCI FL240
YVW*41 KKCI FL230
YVW*43 KKCI FL220

YVW*45 KKCI FL210
YVW*46 KKCI FL200
YVW*48 KKCI FL190
YVW*50 KKCI FL180
YVW*53 KKCI 170
YVW*55 KKCI 160
YVW*57 KKCI 150
YVW*60 KKCI 140
YVW*62 KKCI 130
YVW*65 KKCI 120

YVW*67 KKCI 110

YVW*70 KKCI 100

ZVW*50 KKCI Composite

WHERE * = A = 00 HOUR FORECAST

* = B = 01 HOUR FORECAST

* = C = 02 HOUR FORECAST

* = D = 03 HOUR FORECAST

* = E = 04 HOUR FORECAST

* = F = 05 HOUR FORECAST

* = G = 06 HOUR FORECAST

* = H = 07 HOUR FORECAST

* = I = 08 HOUR FORECAST

- * = J = 09 HOUR FORECAST
- * = K = 10 HOUR FORECAST
- * = L = 11 HOUR FORECAST
- * = M = 12 HOUR FORECAST

The Graphical Turbulence Guidance graphics are computer-generated four-dimensional forecasts of information related to the likelihood of encountering atmospheric turbulence. The product provides forecasts for the 48 contiguous United States, much of Canada and Mexico, and their respective coastal waters at flight altitudes from 10,000 MSL to FL450 only; it does not provide forecasts from the surface to 10,000 ft. Users should also be aware that turbulence is a highly dynamic phenomenon and, in case of rapidly changing conditions, the product may not accurately convey a significant hazard.

GTG may be used as a higher-resolution supplement to AIRMETs and SIGMETs, but not as a substitute for the turbulence information they provide. GTG-2 graphics are authorized for use as an unrestricted, supplementary weather product. The GTG-2 does not have the capability to be amended. See the definition of primary and supplementary weather products below.

GTG is produced automatically from the 13 KM Weather Research and Forecasting Rapid Refresh (RAP) model runs. GTG produces an Analysis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12-hour Turbulence Forecast every hour in GRIB format. This product also provides a composite field representing the maximum turbulence value between 10,000 and 45,000 feet for each analysis and forecast.

The GTG graphics suite is automatically produced with no human modifications. Information on the graphics is determined from observational data, pilot weather reports, upper air soundings, satellite soundings, automated aircraft reports, and surface weather reports, all of which are integrated with computer model output.

Late February/early March, 2012, Graphical Turbulence Guidance output in Gridded Binary (GRIB) format will be available through:

--NWS FTP servers at:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DC.avsp/DS.fipgb>

--The Family of Services (FOS) High Resolution Data Service and Server Access Service

--Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) NOAAPORT channel

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<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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