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TO: National Weather Service (NWS) Offices
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Customers
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SUBJECT: Changes to Collaborative Convective Forecast
Product (CCFP) valid times effective March 1, 2013

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

Effective March 1, 2013, 0800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Aviation Weather Center (AWC) in Kansas City, MO, will adjust the valid times of the Collaborative Convective Forecast Product. On March 1, 2013 CCFP will change from the current valid times of 2 hours, 4 hours, and 6 hours from issuance time, to 4 hours, 6 hours, and 8 hours from issuance time.

The Collaborative Convective Forecast Product (CCFP) is a forecast of expected convective weather at 4-, 6-, and 8-hours after issuance time, produced through a collaborative process involving NWS meteorologists at the AWC and Center Weather Service Units, and airline industry meteorologists. It is issued every 2 hours. The CCFP exists as direct support to the strategic, system-wide planning of FAA Traffic Flow Management intended to reduce traffic flow disruptions that may be caused by convective weather. The CCFP begins March 1 and runs through October 31 each year, covering the conterminous 48 United States and adjacent coastal waters.

CCFP is issued as three separate ASCII text files under distinct World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers.

Current issued CCFP WMO Headers:

FAUS27 KKCI 2 Hour Forecast
FAUS28 KKCI 4 Hour Forecast
FAUS29 KKCI 6 Hour Forecast

On March 1, 2013, NWS will cease issuance of the FAUS27 KKCI 2 hour forecast, and begin issuance of the FAUS30 KKCI 8 hour forecast. NWS will continue the FAUS28 KKCI 4 Hour Forecast

and FAUS29 KKCI 6 Hour Forecast.

Effective March 1, 2013 issued CCFP WMO Headers:

FAUS28 KKCI 4 Hour Forecast
FAUS29 KKCI 6 Hour Forecast
FAUS30 KKCI 8 hour Forecast

CCFP graphics are rendered by the NWS and viewable at:

<http://www.aviationweather.gov/products/ccfp/>

Additional information on CCFP can be found at:

<http://www.aviationweather.gov/products/ccfp/info/>

If you have any questions regarding these changes to CCFP,
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