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Subject: Termination of NCEP's Legacy Radar Graphics:
Effective June 11, 2013

Effective Tuesday June 11, 2013, with the 1200 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) cycle, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will stop producing the legacy radar summary and radar legend graphics. These products are distributed via NOAAPORT and are available in AWIPS.

A Public Information Statement was issued on March 26, 2013, requesting comments on the proposed termination of these products.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/pns13radar_removal.htm

Based on the responses received, NWS will terminate these radar products on June 11, 2013.

The radar summary is a graphical depiction of the areal coverage of radar echos. The radar legend has echo tops and bases, precipitation type, direction of precipitation movement, and echo areal coverage with contours of intensities of radar echoes for VIP levels 1, 3, and 5. These radar products are disseminated via NOAAPORT as Redbook graphics. The WMO headers are PAWO82 KWBC and PAWO83 KWBC.

Examples of these products are available at:

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/docs/radarsummaryGIF.gif>

and:

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/docs/radarsummary.pdf>

Radar information is available from multiple sources, including

the NWS Doppler Radar National Mosaic page at:

<http://www.weather.gov/Radar>

and also at the Aviation Weather Center's website at:

<http://www.aviationweather.gov/obs/radar>

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National Public Information Statements are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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