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Subject: Amended: Changes to GFS-based Model Output  
Statistics (MOS) Guidance effective January 14, 2015

Amended to change the implementation date from Wednesday,  
January 7, 2015 to Wednesday, January 14, 2015

On or about Wednesday, January 14, 2015, beginning with the 1200  
Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) model run, the NWS  
Meteorological Development Laboratory (MDL) will implement a  
refresh of the Global Forecast System (GFS)-based Model Output  
Statistics (MOS) guidance to coincide with the GFS model  
upgrade. These changes will also impact the Localized Aviation  
MOS Program (LAMP) products beginning with the 1600 UTC cycle.

MDL has created a comparison webpage for the short-range and  
extended-range GFS-based MOS text bulletins. The following link  
will be active until on or about January 14, 2015:

[http://www.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/~mos/mos/gfsmos\\_eval/moscomp.php](http://www.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/~mos/mos/gfsmos_eval/moscomp.php)

This update will include the following changes to GFS-based MOS  
text and BUFR products:

1. Updated cool season equations for the short-range (days 1-4)  
MOS text and BUFR messages from the 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800  
UTC model runs. The updates will include the following  
elements:

Daytime Maximum and Nighttime Minimum Temperature  
2-meter Temperature  
2-meter Dewpoint Temperature  
Wind Speed  
Wind Direction  
Conditional Probability of Freezing Precipitation  
Conditional Probability of Frozen Precipitation

Precipitation Type Best Category  
24-h Categorical Snowfall Amount

2. Updated cool season equations for the extended-range (days 1-7) MOS text and BUFR messages from the 0000 and 1200 UTC model runs. The updates will include the following elements:

Daytime Maximum and Nighttime Minimum Temperature  
2-meter Temperature  
2-meter Dewpoint Temperature  
Wind Speed  
Wind Direction  
Conditional Probability of Freezing Precipitation Occurring (12-h)  
Conditional Probability of Snow Occurring (12-h)  
Conditional Probability of Rain/Snow Mix Occurring (12-h)  
Precipitation Type Best Category (12-h)  
24-h Categorical Snowfall Amount

3. Updated cool season maximum and minimum temperature equations for all cycles of the short-range and extended-range MOS COOP text message.

4. Updated cool season equations for the probability of precipitation occurrence on the hour (PoPO) and the probability of precipitation occurrence in a 3-h period (PoPO3) for all cycles of the short-range (days 1-4) MOS BUFR message.

5. Due to changes in reporting frequencies at some observing sites, some MOS stations no longer report sufficiently and some stations now have sufficient reports for statistical calibration. As a result, NWS will remove 15 stations and add 339 stations to the short-range and extended-range GFS MOS text bulletins (known by their AWIPS IDs MAV and MEX) and BUFR messages. The NWS will change the identifier used for one station in the GFS MOS text bulletins and BUFR messages: Tazewell City VA will change from K6V3 to KJFZ. This station has been included in the add and remove counts stated above.

6. NWS will remove 38 stations and add one station to the GFS MOS marine text message (known by the AWIPS ID MMG) and BUFR message.

7. NWS will remove 152 stations and add 197 stations to the GFS MOS River Forecast Center SHEF message (known by its AWIPS ID FTP).

8. NWS will remove three stations from the short-range and extended-range GFS MOS Canadian text messages.

9. NWS will remove 1468 stations from the short-range and extended-range GFS MOS COOP messages. These removed stations have closed, stopped reporting, or do not contain sufficient cases to develop a stable equation. COOP sites influence the

Gridded MOS analysis for maximum and minimum temperature. The removal of these COOP sites is not expected to adversely impact the quality of the Gridded MOS maximum and minimum temperature guidance.

10. Stations will be added to existing regional equations for the following elements in the short-range and extended-range MOS text and BUFR products:

- Sky Cover
- Probability of Precipitation
- Quantitative Precipitation
- Probability of a Thunderstorm
- Conditional Probability of a Severe Thunderstorm
- Ceiling Height
- Visibility
- Obstruction to Vision

These changes will slightly alter the format of the MAV, MEX, MMG, and FTP messages because lines will be added or removed to accommodate the addition/removal of stations. The communication identifiers for the MOS text and BUFR products affected by these changes are shown in the tables below.

Due to a shorter sample of cool season retrospective model data being available for the 0600 and 1800 UTC cycles, users are advised that the MOS guidance for these cycles is not tuned as well to the new version of the GFS and may be somewhat degraded. In addition, guidance for Mesonet sites was not updated and as a result may be degraded. Until guidance for Mesonet stations can be re-developed, steps are being taken to reduce the influence of these sites on the Gridded MOS analysis for temperature and wind. Text-based MOS products are not produced for Mesonet sites.

A web page outlining the station changes and equation updates is available at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/synop/2014refresh/gfsmos2014.php>

This update will include the following changes to GFS-based LAMP text and BUFR products:

1. NWS will remove 15 stations from the LAMP text bulletin (known by the AWIPS ID LAV) and BUFR messages. In addition, the NWS will change the identifier used for one station in the LAMP text bulletins and BUFR messages: Tazewell City VA will change from K6V3 to KJFZ. As such, K6V3 is included in the list of the 15 stations being removed, and KJFZ is being added to the text bulletin and BUFR messages. No other stations are being added to the LAMP text bulletins at this time.
2. The GFS MOS changes above will slightly alter the format of the LAV messages because lines will be added in response to

additions or removals of GFS MOS guidance for some elements. The communication identifiers for the LAMP text and BUFR products affected by these changes are shown in the tables below.

A web page outlining the LAMP station changes is available at:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/gfslamp/docs/change\\_notice\\_Dec2014.shtml](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/gfslamp/docs/change_notice_Dec2014.shtml)

Table 1: Communication identifiers for the GFS-based MOS public text products affected by the changes: For Air Force MOS messages with WMO headers FOUS30 and FEUS30, FXX = F01...F29.

WMO HEADING (SHORT RANGE)	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING (EXTENDED RANGE)	AWIPS ID
FOPA20 KWNO	MAVPA0	FEPA20 KWNO	MEXPA0
FOUS21 KWNO	MAVNE1	FEUS21 KWNO	MEXNE1
FOUS22 KWNO	MAVSE1	FEUS22 KWNO	MEXSE1
FOUS23 KWNO	MAVNC1	FEUS23 KWNO	MEXNC1
FOUS24 KWNO	MAVSC1	FEUS24 KWNO	MEXSC1
FOUS25 KWNO	MAVRM1	FEUS25 KWNO	MEXRM1
FOUS26 KWNO	MAVWC0	FEUS26 KWNO	MEXWC0
FOUS30 KWNO	MAVFX	FEUS30 KWNO	MEXFX
FOAK37 KWNO	MAVAJK	FEUS37 KWNO	MEXAJK
FOAK38 KWNO	MAVAFC	FEUS38 KWNO	MEXAFC
FOAK39 KWNO	MAVAFG	FEUS39 KWNO	MEXAFG

Table 2. Communication identifiers for the GFS-based Marine MOS text products affected by the changes

WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FQPA20 KWNO	MMGHI1
FQUS21 KWNO	MMGNE1
FQUS22 KWNO	MMGSE1
FQUS23 KWNO	MMGGL1
FQUS24 KWNO	MMGGF1
FQUS25 KWNO	MMGNW1
FQUS26 KWNO	MMGSW1
FQAK37 KWNO	MMGAK1

Table 3. Communication identifiers for the GFS-based River Forecast Center MOS text products affected by the changes

WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPCIN
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPHFD
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPKRF
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPMSR
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPPTR
FOUS12 KWNO	FTPRHA

FOUS12 KWNO FTPRSA  
 FOUS12 KWNO FTPSLR  
 FOUS12 KWNO FTPTUR  
 FOAK12 KWNO FTPACR

Table 4. Communication identifiers for the GFS-based Canadian MOS text products affected by the changes

WMO HEADING WMO HEADING  
 (SHORT RANGE) (EXTENDED RANGE)  
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 FOCN20 KWNO FECN21 KWNO

Table 5. Communication identifiers for the GFS-based MOS BUFR products affected by the changes

WMO HEADING WMO HEADING REGION  
 (SHORT RANGE) (EXTENDED RANGE)  
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 JSML30 KWNO JSMT30 KWNO PACIFIC REGION  
 JSML31 KWNO JSMT31 KWNO NORTHEAST CONUS  
 JSML32 KWNO JSMT32 KWNO SOUTHEAST CONUS  
 JSML33 KWNO JSMT33 KWNO NORTH CENTRAL CONUS  
 JSML34 KWNO JSMT34 KWNO SOUTH CENTRAL CONUS  
 JSML35 KWNO JSMT35 KWNO ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONUS  
 JSML36 KWNO JSMT36 KWNO WEST COAST CONUS  
 JSML37 KWNO JSMT37 KWNO ALASKA

Table 6: Communication identifiers for the GFS-based LAMP public text product affected by the changes

WMO HEADING AWIPS ID  
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 FOUS11 KWNO LAVUSA

Table 7: Communication identifiers for the GFS-based LAMP BUFR products affected by the changes

WMO HEADING REGION  
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 JSMF10 KWNO PACIFIC REGION  
 JSMF11 KWNO NORTHEAST CONUS  
 JSMF12 KWNO SOUTHEAST CONUS  
 JSMF13 KWNO NORTH CENTRAL CONUS  
 JSMF14 KWNO SOUTH CENTRAL CONUS  
 JSMF15 KWNO ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONUS  
 JSMF16 KWNO WEST COAST CONUS  
 JSMF17 KWNO ALASKA

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Links to the MOS products and descriptions are online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/synop>

NWS National Technical Implementation Notices are online at:

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

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