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Subject: New Correction Method for WAFS Significant
Weather Charts Effective Wednesday, January 15, 2015

Effective Wednesday, January 15, 2015 at 1200 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), the NWS World Area Forecast Center (WAFC)
in Washington will begin reissuing Significant Weather (SGWX)
Charts when it is necessary to correct them. Previously, WAFC
only sent a text message to denote errors.

The new correction procedure will follow standard WMO header
practices, in which corrected products have a CCX appended to the
end of their WMO header. The X will denote the version of the
correction. For example, the first correction would be CCA
amended to the WMO header; the second correction would be CCB.

When a correction is necessary, WAFC will reissue all BUFR and
PNG files for the SGWX forecast cycle with the CCX appended to
their headers. The PNG charts will also include the CCX in their
bulletin IDs, usually found in the top left corner of the
graphic. The corrected files will replace the original files on
the WAFS Internet File Service (WIFS), and will also have the CCX
appended to their filename. WAFC will also notify users via an
admin message in a standardized format under the header FXUS65
KKCI.

A zip file, containing examples of the admin message format and
corrected PNG and BUFR files is online at

www.aviationweather.gov/doc/wafs/WAFS_CorrectionExample.zip

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