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Subject: Change to the Product Definition Template Generating Process Identifier for the WPC Probabilistic Quantitative Precipitation Forecast and Percentile Precipitation Accumulation GRIB2 Files: Effective October 15, 2015

Effective Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction's (NCEP's) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will change the Product Definition Template 4.9 Generating Process Identifier for the WPC Probabilistic Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (PQPF) Gridded Binary 2 (GRIB2) files from 180 to 221. This change will resolve a decoding conflict between the PQPF and WPC's Quantitative Precipitation Forecasts.

Additionally, WPC will change the Product Definition Template 4.10 Generating Process Identifier for the WPC Percentile Precipitation Accumulation GRIB2 files to 221 for the 10th, 50th and 90th Percentiles. This will allow the PQPF and all Percentiles Forecasts to be consistent.

Table 1: Percentile Accumulation Generating Process ID Change

Percentile Process	ID Change
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10th	222 -> 221
50th	224 -> 221
90th	226 -> 221

Products Affected by this Implementation Notice: World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Headers follow

Template T1 T2 A1 A2 ii cccc

T1 = H

T2 = E

A1 = N

A2 specifies the forecast hours as follows B=06; C=12; D=18; E=24; F=30; G=36; H=42; I=48; X=54; J=60; Y=66; K=72

ii specifies the exceedance probabilities for the Probabilistic Quantitative Precipitation Forecast or the Percentile Accumulation

threshold:

11=6-hour Probability >= 0.01  
12=6-hour Probability >= 0.25  
13=6-hour Probability >= 0.50  
14=6-hour Probability >= 1.00  
15=6-hour Probability >= 2.00  
16=6-hour Probability >= 4.00  
17=24-hour Probability >= 1.00  
18=24-hour Probability >= 2.00  
19=24-hour Probability >= 4.00  
20=24-hour Probability >= 8.00  
21=24-hour Probability >= 16.00  
22=72-hour Probability >= 1.00  
23=72-hour Probability >= 2.00  
24=72-hour Probability >= 4.00  
25=72-hour Probability >= 8.00  
26=72-hour Probability >= 16.00  
51=6-hour 10th Percentile Accumulation  
52=6-hour 50th Percentile Accumulation  
53=6-hour 90th Percentile Accumulation  
54=24-hour 10th Percentile Accumulation  
55=24-hour 40th Percentile Accumulation  
56=24-hour 90th Percentile Accumulation  
57=72-hour 10th Percentile Accumulation  
58=72-hour 50th Percentile Accumulation  
59=72-hour 90th Percentile Accumulation

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Users who ingest the GriB2 files may need to update their procedures and scripts in order to properly decode the PQPF. The GRIB2 files are available at NOAAPort.

No additional changes will be made to product contents or availability for this implementation.

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