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Subject: GPS-PW Changes on NCEP Servers: Effective September 27, 2016

This notification is a follow up to [Service Change Notice \(SCN\) 16-19](#). Earth System Research Laboratory (ESRL)/Global Systems Division (GSD) currently produces Global Positioning System (GPS) Precipitable Water (PW) output that is publicly available.

Starting September 30, 2016, GSD will no longer create these files. Thus, beginning on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, NOAA will instead begin obtaining the newly restricted data from a private vendor for continued model assimilation. Included within the NCEP models are the GSD GPW-PW Binary Universal Form for the Representation of meteorological data (BUFR) dump files:

Global Forecast System (GFS)  
Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS)

Beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) cycle on September 27, the following changes to the GFS and GDAS can be expected:

- The following files will no longer be available from:  
nomads.ncep.noaa.gov  
ftp.ncep.noaa.gov  
ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/com/gfs/prod/gfs.YYYYMMDDCC/gfs.tCCz.gpsipw.tm00.bufr\_d/com/gfs/prod/gdas.YYYYMMDD/gdas1.tCCz.gpsipw.tm00.bufr\_d  
Where YYYYMMDD is Year, Month, Day and CC is cycle
- A new file will be available and only contain international reports of GPS-PW with name:  
/com/gfs/prod/gfs.YYYYMMDDCC/gfs.tCCz.gpsipw.tm00.bufr\_d.nr/com/gfs/prod/gdas.YYYYMMDDCC/gdas1.tCCz.gpsipw.tm00.bufr\_d.nr

If you have any further questions about these changes, please reference the original SCN 16-19:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn16-19gps\\_met.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn16-19gps_met.pdf)

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