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Subject: Washington GISC Data Center Move and OpenWIS Software
Upgrade: Effective September 16, 2016

In an effort to ensure compatibility with other operational Global Information System Centers (GISC) and offer an enhanced functionality in the GISC application, the Washington GISC will be upgrading to OpenWIS version 3.14 and moving to the operational data center running in College Park, MD. The change in operational software version and physical location should be transparent to users and will not result in changes to known URLs associated with the Washington GISC. Users should not expect to see any changes in their search and retrieval experience. A 30-day sustainability test began Friday, September 16 at 3:00 PM EDT. Users are invited to test the system during this 30 day period at the following url:

<http://gisc-washington.ncep.noaa.gov/openwis-user-portal/srv/en/main.home>

The purpose of this notice is to inform the OpenWIS user community of these upcoming changes. The Washington GISC currently runs operationally from Silver Spring, MD. On or about October 17, 2016, the Washington GISC website may run operationally from College Park, MD.

Global Information System Centre (GISC) Washington users may experience brief period of outages or data slowdowns during system upgrades planned for October 17, 2016 between the hours of 12Z and 20Z. During this window, GISC functions will be transferred to new systems running at the NWS data center at

College Park, MD. While no actual outages are expected, there may be brief periods when users may experience connection problems and slow access to metadata records and data downloads.

The GISC Washington Portal is at:

<http://giscportal.washington.weather.gov/>

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