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Subject: Operational Implementation of Aviation Weather Center  
(AWC) Impacts Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) Board: Effective  
November 28, 2016

Effective November 28, 2016, the NWS Aviation Weather Center's  
(AWC) Impacts Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) Board will  
transition from experimental to operational status.

The AWC Impacts TAF Board is a time series display at airports  
designed to highlight forecasted significant weather impacts on  
the National Airspace System (NAS) across the United States.  
The purpose of the TAF Board is to enable the aviation community  
to quickly ascertain the specific impacts at key airports across  
the United States based on the TAF.

Each box (hourly forecasts from TAF) is color-coded based on the  
level and potential impact of weather hazards, while using  
thresholds specific to each airport.

White: no impact  
Yellow: slight impact  
Orange: moderate impact  
Red: high impact

The letters in the box represent the cause of the impact:

-CIG: Ceiling (hundreds of feet, Above Ground Level (AGL))  
-VIS: Visibility (statute miles)  
-WX: Weather (see legend)  
-WSpd: Wind speed (knots)  
-WGust: Wind gusts (knots)

More detailed information can be found for each site by clicking on the station identifier. This data assists dispatchers and air traffic managers with flight planning, while also supporting situational awareness and operational decision making.

The AWC Impacts TAF Board is also meant to consolidate pre-existing situational displays into a single, authoritative source. As a result, the following experimental webpages will be discontinued when the Impacts TAF Board is operationally implemented:

<http://www.aviationweather.gov/taf/tda>  
<http://www.aviationweather.gov/trafficflowmgmt/tda>

The AWC Impacts TAF Board will be available at:

<http://testbed.aviationweather.gov/taf/board>

The Product Description Document can be found at:

<http://products.weather.gov/PDD/TAF Board.pdf>

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