Effective Wednesday, January 4, 2017, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) run, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will start the High-Resolution Window Forecast System (HIRESW) slightly earlier in the production cycle, which will lead to HIRESW products becoming available up to 20 minutes earlier than they are today. The change in data availability time applies uniformly to all forecast ranges and products, but is domain dependent as follows:

CONUS: 20 minutes earlier
Hawaii: 12 minutes earlier
Guam: 12 minutes earlier
Alaska: 20 minutes earlier
Puerto Rico: 12 minutes earlier

As the High-Resolution Ensemble Forecast (HREF) is triggered by the completion of the HIRESW, the HREF products (CONUS only) similarly will be available approximately 20 minutes earlier.

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