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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 99-03 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 945 AM EST TUE FEB 16 1999

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ EMPLOYEES

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NWS OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS MANUAL LETTER 9-98...REVISED IN-FLIGHT ADVISORY PLOTTING CHART...FILED WITH WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTERS D-20...AVIATION AREA FORECASTS...D-22...IN-FLIGHT AVIATION WEATHER ADVISORIES...AND D-25...SUPPORT TO AIR TRAFFIC FACILITIES...REFERENCE POINT LAT AND LON ERRORS

IMPORTANT...ONE ADDITIONAL ERROR FOR A REFERENCE POINT CONTAINED IN NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OPERATIONS MANUAL LETTER /OML/ 9-98 HAS BEEN FOUND IN ADDITION TO THE EIGHT ERRORS REPORTED IN TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 99-01:

CLE: LATITUDE /LAT/ SHOULD BE 41 DEGREES /DEG/ 25 MINUTES /MIN/...LONGITUDE /LON/ SHOULD BE -81 DEG 51 MIN.

OML 9-98 CONTAINS A REVISED IN-FLIGHT ADVISORY PLOTTING CHART WITH THE REFERENCE POINTS FOR IN-FLIGHT ADVISORIES. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE...IN DEG AND MIN OF A DEGREE...FOR EACH OF THE REFERENCE POINTS.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECASTERS SHALL BEGIN USING THE POINTS ON THE NEW REFERENCE CHART ON MARCH 1 1999.

BOTH THE CHART AND A TEXT FILE CONTAINING THE REFERENCE POINTS WITH THE LAT AND LON FOR EACH OF THE POINTS ARE DOWNLOADABLE FROM THE NWS AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ WEBPAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.AWC-KC.NOAA.GOV/AVIATION WEATHER CENTER.HTML AFTER CLICKING ON EITHER AIRMETS OR DOMESTIC SIGMETS THEN..."NEW CHART /EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 1999/".

AS OF FEBRUARY 9 1999...THE LAT/LON INFORMATION IN THE DOWNLOADABLE FILE FROM AWC WAS CORRECT FOR ALL REFERENCE POINTS ON THE CHART. THE NWS OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY IS WORKING TO ISSUE PEN AND INK AND PAGE CHANGE CORRECTIONS TO THE OML.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NEW REFERENCE CHART...CONTACT:

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