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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 99-04 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1130 AM EST TUE MAR 2 1999

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ EMPLOYEES

FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION PRODUCTS

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE

CHIEF...INTEGRATED HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES CORE

NWS OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY

SUBJECT: AVIATION WEATHER CENTER MOVE TO A NEW FACILITY

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/...NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/...AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/...IS MOVING TO A NEW FACILITY. THE OPERATIONAL UNITS WILL HAVE A PHASED MOVE WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 15 1999 AND BE COMPLETED ON MARCH 23 1999.

ON MARCH 17 1999...THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTER...BRACKNELL ENGLAND...WILL BACK UP THE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER /SIGWX/ UNIT DURING ITS MOVE. BRACKNELL WILL PROVIDE THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION /ICAO/ REQUIRED SIGWX CHARTS FOR THE AREAS NORMALLY PROVIDED BY AWC.

ON MARCH 23 1999...AT 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE EN-ROUTE UNITS WHICH PRODUCE THE AREA FORECAST...AIRMAN/S METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /AIRMETS/ AND SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /SIGMETS/ WILL MOVE. THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE...OMAHA NEBRASKA...WILL BACK UP THE EN-ROUTE UNITS DURING THEIR MOVE. AFWA WILL PROVIDE AIRMETS AND SIGMETS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED BACKUP PROCEDURES...THE AREA FORECAST WILL NOT BE PROVIDED DURING THE BACKUP...THEREFORE...IF THE EN-ROUTE UNIT MOVE TAKES MORE THAT SEVEN HOURS...AN AREA FORECAST ISSUANCE CYCLE WOULD BE MISSED.

THE ISSUANCE OF CONVECTIVE SIGMETS...LOW LEVEL GRAPHICS AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AS THE UNITS WILL SELF BACKUP DURING THEIR MOVES.

THE NEW ADDRESS FOR THE AWC WILL BE:

AVIATION WEATHER CENTER
7220 NW 101ST TERRACE...ROOM 101
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI 64153-2371

THE CONVECTIVE SIGMET UNIT WILL MOVE AT 1300 UTC ON MARCH 15 1999 AND ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 816-584-7226.

THE HIGH AND LOW LEVEL GRAPHICS UNITS WILL MOVE AT 1200 UTC ON MARCH 17 1999 AND THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 816-584-7224 AND 816-584-7225.

THE INTERNATINAL FLIGHT DOCUMENTATION UNIT WILL MOVE AT 1300 UTC ON MARCH 17 1999 AND ITS NEW NON-TOLL FREE NUMBER WILL BE 816-584-7262.

THE NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER IS NOT YET KNOWN. THE NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER WILL BE FAXED TO ALL CUSTOMERS ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MOVE.

THE EN-ROUTE UNITS WILL MOVE AT 2100 UTC ON MARCH 23 1999 AND THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE:

EASTERN DESK 816-584-7223 CENTRAL DESK 816-584-7222 WESTERN DESK 816-584-7227

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE...CONTACT:

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