OCTOBER 2003: More of the Same
Wet and Cool Across the Washington/Baltimore Area

Highlights

♦ Sub-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
♦ Consecutive wetter than normal Octobers in Baltimore for first time since 1976-77 and at DCA and IAD since 1989-90
♦ Sixth consecutive month with above normal rainfall and 8th month in 2003 at the three major airports
♦ Two storm systems soak area with over four inches of rain in some areas (BWI, 4.18") from 26th-29th
♦ Showers and thunderstorms lash area on 14th with over an inch of rain and gusty winds knocking out power to thousands of customers across region, according to press reports
♦ Gusty winds to 50 mph following day (15th) lead to additional power outages and hamper clean-up efforts
♦ Month’s warm spell 7th-13th with majority of daytime highs into 70s
♦ First freeze in many suburban locations on 23rd-25th including minimum temperatures of 28°F at IAD and 29°F at BWI on 24th
♦ Eighth month in 2003 with subnormal temperatures at DCA
♦ Second wettest January-October in Washington (wettest since 1889) and third wettest at BWI (wettest since 1979)