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Subject: NOAA Profiler Network (NPN) Data Available on or around July 15, 2019

Data from the NOAA Profiler Network (NPN) will be made available on or around July 15, 2019. The NPN consists of three 449 MHz wind profiling radars operating in Alaska and a testbed in Norman, OK. Specifically, the sites are:

TLKA2 (Talkeetna, AK)  
HWPA2 (Homer, AK)  
AWPA2 (Anchorage, AK)  
ROCO2 (Norman, OK)

NPN radars primarily report wind speed and direction at 132 heights, ranging from approximately 170 meters above ground level (AGL) up to a maximum of 16.2 kilometers. Two data types are available:

- 1) A 30-minute average, updated every six minutes.
- 2) A 60-minute average, updated once per hour.

The data will be available in self-describing Binary Universal Form for the Representation of meteorological data (BUFR) format via the National Level II (NL2) network, and also as images viewable by the public through the NPN website at [www.weather.gov/npn](http://www.weather.gov/npn).

An Interface Control Document (ICD) describing the data format and a sample of the data will be available at the Radar Operations Center website prior to the data being released.

<https://www.roc.noaa.gov/WSR88D/Engineering/WindProfiler/WindProfiler.aspx>

The naming convention is as follows:

Six-minute file: ICAO-YYYYMMDDhhmmss.npn.6minwind.bufr

Hourly file: ICAO-YYYYMMDDhhmmss.npn.hrlywind.bufr

Where:

ICAO is each site's upper-case ID (e.g., AWPA2, HWP2, etc.);

YYYY is the four-digit year;

MM is the two-digit month;

DD is the two-digit day of the month;

hh is the two-digit Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) hour;

mm is the two-digit minute;

ss is the two-digit second, which is always 00

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