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Subject: The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) is Transitioning to a
New Website (usicecenter.gov): Effective December 7, 2020

The NOAA component of the U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) became part of the NWS last year. USNIC is a multi-agency partnership between the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA's Ocean Prediction Center (OPC). The new USNIC website is also linked to OPC's main website [ocean.weather.gov](https://www.ocean.weather.gov). Effective December 7, 2020, the USNIC website: <https://www.natice.noaa.gov/> will be transitioned to a new website, found at URL: <https://usicecenter.gov/>.

This change provides content through a secure connection. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive describing the requirement to only provide service through https can be found at:

<https://https.cio.gov/>

The new USNIC website employs current web technologies and industry best practices to improve on security, accessibility, dynamic functionality, content organization, and an overall user experience. The new website will also allow USNIC to add a Geographic Information System (GIS) web portal in the near future that will enable customers to interact with USNIC data (present and archived) in real-time.

A preview to the new website is available via redirect from its current website <https://www.natice.noaa.gov/>. Visitors can also submit feedback or comments through the link available within the site.

All main USNIC products disseminated via the current website will continue with the same naming convention and format. In addition, all traffic to <https://www.natice.noaa.gov/> will be redirected for three months to <https://usicecenter.gov/>

Please send comments on this change to:

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