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NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE FOR NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1115 AM EDT FRI SEP 28 2001

TO: NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS

FROM: J. DOUGLAS WALLS
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SUBJECT: REMINDER: DISCONTINUED USE OF PIL HEADERS ON NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SERVICE PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 2001 AT 1230 UTC

...THIS CHANGE WAS MOST RECENTLY ANNOUNCED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE
FOR NWS ON MAY 31 2001...

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 2001 AT 1230 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WILL DISCONTINUE IDENTIFYING NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ PRODUCTS WITH PRODUCT INVENTORY LIST /PIL/ HEADERS.
THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT BOTH THE NWS SATELLITE BROADCAST AND THE NWS
OPEN INTERFACE VIA THE INTERNET...PROVIDED UNDER CONTRACT WITH DYNCORP.
PIL HEADERS ARE GENERALLY NINE CHARACTERS IN LENGTH...AND ARE AN ARTIFACT
FROM A LEGACY NWS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. SINCE JUNE 2000...ALL PRODUCTS
TRANSMITTED ON THE NWS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH BOTH PIL HEADERS AND
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS. AS OF OCTOBER 1 2001 AT
1230 UTC...ONLY WMO HEADERS WILL BE USED TO IDENTIFY NWS PRODUCTS.

THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TERMINATION OF PIL HEADERS ON NWS PRODUCTS
WAS MADE ON APRIL 3 2000 IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE FOR THE NWS. THE
TERMINATION DATE WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN SEVERAL OTHER NWS ADMINISTRATIVE
MESSAGES AND LETTERS LAST YEAR. THE TERMINATION WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED
FOR MAY 30 2001. THE NEW TERMINATION DATE IS OCTOBER 1 2001.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...PLEASE REFER TO THE NWS WEBPAGE AT /USE LOWER
CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWS/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nws/)

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NOTIFY US OF
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