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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
915 AM EDT THU MAY 20 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

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FROM: MARK ANDREWS

CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH

OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNED POWER OUTAGE AT AVIATION WEATHER CENTER SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 2004

ON THURSDAY...MAY 20 2004 AT 1100 PM CDT...0400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY PLANNED POWER OUTAGE. THIS OUTAGE IS DUE TO AN EXISTING POWER EMERGENCY REQUIRING ADVANCED TROUBLESHOOTING AND NECESSITATES TURNING THE POWER OFF AT AWC IN ORDER TO RESOLVE. THE OUTAGE MAY LAST UP TO SIX HOURS BUT WILL END NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 21 2004 AT 500 AM CDT...1000 UTC.

THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER /TPC/...THE NWS HONOLULU FORECAST OFFICE /PHFO/ AND THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE IN EXETER UK WILL PROVIDE BACKUP FOR THE AWC.

AFWA WILL ISSUE SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /SIGMETS/ AND CONVECTIVE SIGMETS AS REQUIRED AND AIRMAN/S METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /AIRMETS/ EVERY SIX HOURS FOR THE CONTIGUOUS U.S. /CONUS/. AFWA WILL SEND THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GATEWAY /NWSTG/.

THE TPC WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE ATLANTIC, GULF OF MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA. NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ HONOLULU WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE PACIFIC. THE UK MET CENTRE IN EXETER WILL ISSUE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHARTS EVERY SIX HOURS TO THE NWSTG FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD AREA FORECAST SYSTEM /WAFS/.

THE AVIATION DIGITAL DATA SERVICE /ADDS/ AT /USE LOWER CASE/ HTTP://ADDS.AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV AND THE AWC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/ HTTP://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING THE OUTAGE.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM /IFFDP/ WILL RECEIVE FAXES DUE TO ARRIVE AT 0400 UTC...0500 UTC AND 0600 UTC AT 0300 UTC. FAXES FOR 0700 UTC...0800 UTC AND 0900 UTC WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POWER IS RESTORED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OUTAGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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