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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1024 AM EST THU JAN 18 2007

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE/NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: THOMAS GRAZIANO ACTING CHIEF...HYDROLOGIC SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ISSUANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT

CORRECTED TO INDICATE THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT IS PUBLISHED ON THE INTERNET...NOT THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PRODUCT...AND...IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE TEXT...TO INDICATE IT IS ISSUED ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS DURING LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING. THE WORDS A AND BASIS WERE INADVERTENTLY DELETED FROM THAT SENTENCE.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ IS PROPOSING TO MODIFY THE ISSUANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT...WHICH IS PUBLISHED ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OH/HIC/NHO

THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT IS AN INTERNET PRODUCT ISSUED ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS DURING LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING. IT PROVIDES A MAP OF AREAS AT RISK FOR FLOODING...PRIMARILY DUE TO SNOW MELT. ACCOMPANYING TEXT DESCRIBES FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE FLOOD RISK. THE ANALYSIS IS BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET FROM NWS OFFICES AND OTHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE PROPOSAL IS TO ISSUE THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT ONCE IN MID-MARCH TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NOAA/S ANNUAL SPRING OUTLOOK. AT OTHER TIMES...USERS CAN OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW OR FROM LOCAL NWS OFFICES.

A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND FUTURE HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NOAAWATCH FLOOD WEB PAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://NOAAWATCH.GOV/FLOODS.PHP

CURRENT AND FUTURE HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS ACROSS THE U.S. CAN BE ACCESSED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE ADVANCED HYDROLOGIC PREDICTION SERVICE /AHPS/ WEBPAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/AHPS/

THE AHPS PAGE INCLUDES A MAP SHOWING NATIONAL RIVER CONDITIONS AND A GRAPHICAL INTERFACE WHICH ALLOWS THE USER TO DRILL DOWN TO MORE DETAILED INFORMATION...INCLUDING HYDROGRAPHS FOR INDIVIDUAL RIVER GAGES.

INFORMATION ON CURRENT WATCHES AND WARNINGS...INCLUDING THOSE DEALING WITH FLOODING...CAN BE ACCESSED DIRECTLY THROUGH /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE ISSUANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 31 2007. IF...AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THESE COMMENTS...A DECISION IS MADE TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT...A FINAL NOTIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN FEBRUARY 2007.

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE MODIFICATION OF THIS PRODUCT...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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