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From:         Mike Dion, Acting Chief  
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Subject: Amended: NWS is Accepting Comments on the Experimental Addition  
of Waterspout Coding to the Special Marine Warning in the Great Lakes of  
Superior, Huron and Michigan through November 30, 2015

Amended to extend the comment period through November 30, 2015.

NWS is seeking comments on the experimental addition of a forecast tag  
labeled WATERSPOUTS at the bottom of Special Marine Warnings (SMWs) and  
Marine Weather Statements (MWSs) that follow-up SMWs. The evaluation  
period has been extended to November 30, 2015. The NWS Weather Forecast  
Offices in Duluth, MN (DLH), Marquette, MI (MQT), Gaylord, MI (APX), Green  
Bay, WI (GRB), Milwaukee, WI (MKX), Chicago, IL (LOT), Northern Indiana  
(IWX), Grand Rapids, MI (GRR) and Detroit, MI (DTX) are testing this  
experimental enhancement to SMW products. These SMWs and MWSs now include  
a tag at the end of the product which designates the threat expected:  
Waterspout, Wind or Hail.

This change adds a plain text line below the product after the && and the  
LAT...LON information.

For example:

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LAT...LON 4298 8242 4261 8252 4261 8253 4276 8248  
4294 8245  
TIME...MOT...LOC 1400Z 263DEG 40KT 4284 8289 4244 8291

WATERSPOUT...POSSIBLE  
HAIL...[greater than].75IN WIND...40KTS

[dollar sign, dollar sign]  
NAME

The additional information is also found elsewhere within the product,  
simply summarized on the lines below. If the threat does not exist, the  
tag line is omitted.

For details on this product enhancement, please see:

<http://products.weather.gov/viewExperimental.php?selrow=535>

To provide comments, please use the following short survey:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=WSCGL](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=WSCGL)

During the comment period, a proactive effort will be made to educate users and partners of the product availability and use. At the end of the comment period, NWS will decide whether to make this enhancement operational.

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