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From:        Heath Hockenberry, Acting Chief  
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Subject: Amended: Soliciting Comments until November 4, 2015 on  
Experimental Impact-Based Warnings: Effective October 1, 2015

Amended to add 13 Southern Region coastal Weather Forecast Offices, and to  
change the effective date from October 4, 2015 to October 1, 2015.

NWS is accepting comments beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2015, and  
continuing through Wednesday, November 4, 2015, on an expansion of its  
Experimental Impact-Based Warnings. All 38 NWS Central Region Weather  
Forecast Offices (WFOs), all 32 Southern Region WFOs, seven Eastern Region  
WFOs, and three Western Region WFOs will issue enhanced convective  
warnings. A list of participating offices and local points of contact is  
online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/media/impacts/IBWContacts.pdf>

This is an expansion of the Experimental Impact-Based Warning  
demonstration begun in 2014:

<https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns14ibw.pdf>

Severe Thunderstorm Warning (SVR), Tornado Warning (TOR) and Severe  
Weather Statement (SVS) products will be stratified into categories  
distinguishing extreme cases from base convective warnings. Additional  
enhanced wording will be included to convey information about associated  
impacts, specific hazards expected and recommended actions, both within  
the bullet statements and as part of the tag line codes.

Additional information and product examples are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/impacts>

A Product Description Document (PDD) outlining the products is online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php>

Based on demonstration results, the Impact-Based Warnings are being considered for implementation on a national basis.

Please submit comments on the proposed national implementation to:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=IBW>

After the experimental period is completed and the comment period closes, NWS will evaluate all comments to determine whether to implement the Experimental Impact-Based warnings as operational products.

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