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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-89 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 320 PM EDT THU SEP 21 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: PAUL STOKOLS...ACTING CHIEF

FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: NEW FORMAT...WMO HEADER AND NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATE FORECAST PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16 2000

ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16 2000...AT 400 PM EDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE AT STATE COLLEGE PENNSYLVANIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING A NEW TYPE OF STATE FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA. THE NEW FORECAST WILL PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE STATE IN A TABULAR FORMAT...OUT TO FIVE DAYS. A NARRATIVE STATE FORECAST WILL FOLLOW THE TABULAR DATA FOR 60 DAYS...THEN BE PHASED OUT ON DECEMBER 16 2000.

FORECASTS FOR ADDITIONAL CITIES OR TOWNS CAN EASILY BE ADDED TO THE TABULAR VERSION TO SUIT SPECIFIC BROADCAST AREAS...AS CAN FORECASTS FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS OR OTHER SITES OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST.

ON OCTOBER 16...THE STATE FORECAST FOR ALL OF PENNSYLVANIA WILL BE ISSUED BY THE STATE COLLEGE OFFICE. THIS FORECAST WILL REPLACE THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MT. HOLLY NJ OFFICE AND THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FORECAST ISSUED BY THE PITTSBURGH PA OFFICE.

THE NEW WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FOR THE STATE FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA WILL BE FPUS61 KCTP. THE NINE CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER WILL BE PHLSFPPA. CUSTOMERS RECEIVING THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA STATE FORECAST PRODUCT.../ WMO HEADER FPUS61 KPBZ... NINE-CHARACTER PRODUCT INFORMATION LIST /PIL/ IDENTIFIER... PITSFPPA/ AND/OR THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA STATE FORECAST PRODUCT /WMO HEADER FPUS61 KPHI...AND NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER...PHISFPPA/ MUST CHANGE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS HEADERS TO THE NEW WMO HEADER /FPUS61 KCTP/ AND THE NEW NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER /PHLSFPPA/ TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE STATE FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW STATE FORECAST...

FPUS61 KCTP 150939 SFPPA PAZALL-152300-

STATE FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STATE COLLEGE PA 540 AM EDT TUE AUG 15 2000

ROWS INCLUDE...

## DAILY PREDOMINANT DAYTIME WEATHER FORECAST TEMPERATURES...DAYTIME HIGH...NIGHTTIME LOW DAYTIME PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION

-- INDICATES MISSING VALUES

		FCST				
TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	1.0	
AUG 13	AUG 16	AUG 17	AUG .	LO AUG	19	
CITY						
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA						
ERIE PA		PTCLDY	FAIR	FAIR	PTCLDY	PTCLDY
		77/61	70/48	76/56	76/53 POP 30	72
		POP 10	POP 10	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30
PITTSBURGH PA		PTCLDY	FAIR	FAIR	PTCLDY	PTCLDY
		84/62	73/51	74/56	75/55 POP 30	72
		POP 10	POP 20	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA						
JOHNSTOWN PA						
		79/65 78	3/52 76	5/58	77/56 POP 30	74
		POP 20	POP 20	POP IU	POP 30	POP 30
STATE COLLEGE PA						
					77/56 POP 30	
		POP 20	POP 10	POP IU	POP 30	POP 30
WILLIAMSPORT PA						
					75/54 POP 30	
		POP IU	POP 20	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30
HARRISBURG PA						
					77/56	
		POP 20	POP 20	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA						
WILKES-BA	ARRE/	MOCLDY	PTCLDY	PTCLDY	MOCLDY	PTCLDY
SCRANTON PA		80/65	78/52			74
		POP 20	POP 20	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30
ALLENTOWN	N PA	MOCLDY	PTCLDY	PTCLDY	MOCLDY	PTCLDY
		80/65	78/52			74
		POP 20	POP 20	POP 10	POP 30	POP 30

PHILADELPHIA PA MOCLDY PTCLDY PTCLDY MOCLDY PTCLDY

73/67 80/53 77/59 77/57

POP 20 POP 20 POP 10 POP 30 POP 30

74

## NARRATIVE:

- .TODAY...AREAS OF FOG EARLY...OTHERWISE PARTLY SUNNY TO MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS MID 70S TO LOWER 80S.
- .TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE 60S.
- .WEDNESDAY...PARTLY SUNNY AND BREEZY. HIGHS MAINLY IN THE 70S.
- .EXTENDED FORECAST...
- .WEDNESDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE 50S.
- .THURSDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 70 TO 80.
- .FRIDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE 50S AND HIGHS IN THE 70S.
- .SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE 50S AND HIGHS IN THE 70S.

ADDITIONAL PENNSYLVANIA SITES WILL

INCLUDE...WESTERN...FRANKLIN...BUTLER...INDIANA AND LATROBE.

CENTRAL...BRADFORD...DUBOIS...ALTOONA...SELINSGROVE AND YORK.

EASTERN...MOUNT POCONO...READING AND LANCASTER.

END OF EXAMPLE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS NEW PRODUCT...PLEASE CALL 814-234-9412 EXT. 222 FOR BRUCE BUDD...METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE...STATE COLLEGE PENNSYLVANIA.

NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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