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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-91 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1000 AM EDT THU SEP 28 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: DISCONTINUATION OF NARRATIVE STATE FORECAST PRODUCT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31 2000

ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 2000...AT 400 PM EST...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA WILL DISCONTINUE THE ISSUANCE OF THE NARRATIVE PORTION OF THE STATE FORECAST FOR SOUTH CAROLINA. UNTIL OCTOBER 31...THIS PORTION OF THE STATE FORECAST HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY APPENDED TO THE NEW TABULAR STATE FORECAST...WHICH BEGAN ON JULY 31.

THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST FOR SOUTH CAROLINA WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE. THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER WILL BE UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE TO BE FPUS62 KCAE. THE NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIER...CAESPFSC...WILL ALSO BE UNCHANGED. CUSTOMERS WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY COMMUNICATION HEADER CHANGES TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST.

THE TABULAR STATE FORECAST FORMAT CAN BE READILY USED BY COMPUTERS...WHICH DRIVE MOST COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TODAY. FORECASTS FOR ADDITIONAL CITIES OR TOWNS CAN EASILY BE ADDED TO THE TABULAR VERSION TO SUIT SPECIFIC BROADCAST AREAS. THE TABULAR VERSION WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE FORECASTS OUT TO SEVEN DAYS.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTION OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CALL THE NWS OFFICE IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA AT 803-765-5501 FOR STEVE NAGLIC EXT. 223 OR BERNARD PALMER EXT. 222.

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