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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-16
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
425 PM EDT MON APR 2 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF D4 DROUGHT CATEGORY IN THE WEEKLY DROUGHT
MONITOR...EFFECTIVE THURSDAY MAY 3 2001

ON MAY 3 2001...THE D4 DROUGHT CATEGORY IN THE U.S. WEEKLY DROUGHT MONITOR
WILL BE REDEFINED TO INDICATE A 1 IN 50 YEAR OCCURRENCE RATHER THAN THE
CURRENT 1 IN 100 YEAR OCCURRENCE. THE CHANGE IS BEING INSTITUTED BECAUSE
AVAILABLE HISTORICAL DATA MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO ACCURATELY DELINEATE 1
IN 100 YEAR DROUGHTS.

THIS CHANGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

TEXTUAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING
SYSTEM /AWIPS/...NOAAPORT...FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ AND NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SYSTEM /NWS/ UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION:
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING: FXUS25 KWNC
PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION LIST /PIL/ ID: NMCPMDDRO
AWIPS ID: PMDDRO

GRAPHICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON NOAAPORT AND AWIPS UNDER THE FOLLOWING
HEADINGS:

DROUGHT MONITOR MAP:
WMO HEADER: PYIA88 KWNC
AWIPS ID: RBGDRO

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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