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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-45 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
335 PM EDT FRI AUG 24 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: TESTING OF THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE AT
THE AMARILLO TX FORECAST OFFICE TO BE CONTINUED BEYOND AUGUST 24 2001

...CORRECTED URL IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH....

THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN AMARILLO TX WILL CONTINUE
INDEFINITELY TO TEST THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION /WCN...SEE TABLE ONE/.
THE AMARILLO OFFICE WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO DISCONTINUE TESTING THE
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE ON FRIDAY AUGUST 24 2001 AT 8 A.M.
CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME...ACCORDING TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-25...ISSUED
ON MAY 16 2001...SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN01-25WCNTESTMORE.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn01-25wcntestmore.pdf)

WCN MESSAGES INDICATE THE STATUS /I.E...WHICH COUNTIES ARE IN OR ARE BEING
CLEARED FROM/ OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES IN AMARILLO/S AREA
OF RESPONSIBILITY.

TABLE 1: TEST WATCH MESSAGES FROM THE AMARILLO TX OFFICE

MESSAGE TYPE	WMO ID	AWIPS ID	PIL ID
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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KAMA	WCNAMA	LBBWCNAMA

/END OF TABLE 1/

THE CONTINUATION OF THE WCN TEST WILL ALLOW THE NWS TO ENSURE THAT THE
PROGRAMS WHICH CREATE THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION RUN CORRECTLY AND ALSO
ALLOW EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS TO DETERMINE WAYS TO UTILIZE THE WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION MESSAGES IN THEIR DISSEMINATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS.
EXISTING OPERATIONAL WATCH MESSAGES /I.E...SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENTS/
FROM THE AMARILLO NWS OFFICE WILL CONTINUE DURING THIS TEST PERIOD.

THE TEST WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IF BACKUP
SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS REQUIRED DURING THIS TEST PERIOD.

FOR A SUITE OF EXAMPLES SHOWING THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES FOR EACH CONVECTIVE WATCH SITUATION...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WCN/WCNEX.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/wcn/wcnex.pdf)

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WCN MESSAGES DURING THE TEST SHOULD ADD THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER IN TABLE ONE TO THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES. FURTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED ONCE A DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES OPERATIONAL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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

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