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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-56 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1035 AM EDT THU OCT 18 2001

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

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SEVERE WEATHER WARNING CODING FOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN FLORIDA...EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9 2002

...CORRECTED WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER AND TITLE OF
AFFECTED FLASH FLOOD PRODUCT AND CORRECTED ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE
PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDS...

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9 2002 AT 800 AM EASTERN STANDARD TIME /EST/...THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL ADOPT THE NEW FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING
SYSTEM /FIPS/ CODE FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN FLORIDA. IF SEVERE WEATHER IS
OCCURRING...OR FORECAST TO OCCUR...AT THE SCHEDULED IMPLEMENTATION
TIME...A SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO POSTPONE THIS CHANGE
UNTIL THURSDAY JANUARY 10 2002 AT 800 AM EST.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY...WHICH ASSIGNS AND
MAINTAINS FIPS CODES...OFFICIALLY CHANGED THE FIPS CODE FOR MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY IN JULY OF 1999...BUT...FOR SEVERAL REASONS...THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE /NWS/ DID NOT MAKE THE CHANGE AT THAT TIME. THE FIPS CODE CHANGE
IS RELATED TO THE RENAMING OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...FORMERLY KNOWN AS DADE
COUNTY.

THE COUNTY FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ USED IN NWS
PRODUCTS AND THE COUNTY PORTION OF THE NOAA WEATHER RADIO /NWR/ SPECIFIC
AREA MESSAGE ENCODING /SAME/ CODE ARE DIRECTLY DERIVED FROM THE FIPS
COUNTY CODE. THEREFORE...ON JANUARY 9 2002 AT 800 AM EST...THE NWS WILL
BEGIN USING THE NEW COUNTY CODE NUMBER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA /086/
AND DISCONTINUE USING THE CURRENT COUNTY CODE NUMBER FOR DADE COUNTY
/025/. THE COUNTY CODE IS CRITICAL FOR RECEIVING SHORT-FUSED WARNINGS
SUCH AS TORNADO AND FLOOD WARNINGS.

ALL NWS CUSTOMERS AND NWR OWNERS WHO RECEIVE PRODUCTS COVERING MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY AND RELY ON THE C FORM OF THE UGC CODE...OR THE NWR SAME COUNTY
CODE...MUST REPROGRAM THEIR EQUIPMENT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 9 2002 IN
ORDER TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE WARNINGS LISTED IN TABLE 1. WE RECOMMEND
CUSTOMERS PROGRAM THE NEW CODE /086/ AT THEIR CONVENIENCE BEFORE JANUARY 9
2002 AND RETAIN THE CURRENT CODE /025/ IN YOUR SYSTEM/S/ UNTIL AFTER
JANUARY 9 2002. THAT WAY...THE CHANGE ON JANUARY 9 2002 WILL BE

TRANSPARENT TO YOU AND YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO DELETE THE OLD CODE /025/ AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION.

FOR NWR LISTENERS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AREA:

ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...SUCH AS THE MEDIA...LAW ENFORCEMENT...EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SCHOOLS...WHO OWN A NWR RECEIVER WITH NWR SAME CAPABILITIES...AND HAVE SPECIFICALLY PROGRAMMED IN DADE COUNTY...MUST REPROGRAM THEIR WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER/S/ IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL WARNINGS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. INSTRUCTIONS ON REPROGRAMMING YOUR WEATHER RADIO ARE IN THE OWNERS MANUAL OR AVAILABLE FROM THE MANUFACTURER OF YOUR RADIO...OR YOUR LOCAL RETAILER. FOR YOUR INFORMATION...A LIST OF MANY WEATHER RADIO RECEIVER MANUFACTURERS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRRCVR.HTM

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO REPROGRAM YOUR NWR RECEIVER ARE:

1. THE NWS OFFICE IN MIAMI HOMEPAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/MIA/](http://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/MIA/)

2. THE NWS NWR SAME CODE INFORMATION PAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRSAME.HTM](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWRSAME.HTM)

3. A TOLL-FREE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE NWS:

1-888-NWR-SAME /1-888-697-7263/

TABLE 1. NWS PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE FIPS CODE CHANGE FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...CORRECTED

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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TORNADO WARNING	WFUS52 KMFL	TORMIA
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING	WGUS52 KMFL	SVRMIA
FLASH FLOOD WARNING	WGUS52 KMFL	FFWMIA

UPDATED COUNTY FILES AND MAPS SHOWING THE NEW COUNTY NAME AND CODE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE BY NOVEMBER 1 2001 /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.AWIPS.NOAA.GOV/MAPDATA/NEWCAT/COUNTY/COUNTY_ALL.HTM](http://WWW.AWIPS.NOAA.GOV/MAPDATA/NEWCAT/COUNTY/COUNTY_ALL.HTM)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS AND ANY FUTURE NWS IMPLEMENTATIONS OF FIPS CODE CHANGES WILL BE POSTED TO A NEW WEBPAGE ENTITLED "NWS IMPLEMENTATIONS OF FIPS CODE CHANGES" AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NWR/NWSFIPSCHG.HTM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...CONTACT:

RUSSELL PFOST /METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE/ OR
JIM LUSHINE /WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST/
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MIAMI FLORIDA
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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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