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FROM: ROBERT E. LIVEZEY

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SUBJECT: NEW RELEASE DATE FOR DROUGHT OUTLOOK...EFFECTIVE THURSDAY MARCH 14 2002

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY...MARCH 14 2002...THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ WILL RELEASE THE SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK THE SAME DAY AND TIME AS THE LONG-LEAD SEASONAL OUTLOOKS /I.E...MID MONTH ON A THURSDAY AT 300 PM ET/. PREVIOUSLY...THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK HAD BEEN RELEASED ON THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY MORNING /830 AM ET/. THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE CPC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

## HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV /CLICK ON DROUGHT ASSESSMENT/

THUS...THE RELEASE DATES AND TIMES OF THE SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK FOR THE REST OF 2002 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RELEASE DATE /THU 3PM ET/	DROUGHT OUTLOOK VALID FOR
MARCH 14	MID-MARCH THROUGH JUNE
APRIL 18	MID-APRIL THROUGH JULY
MAY 16	MID-MAY THROUGH AUGUST
JUNE 13	MID-JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER
JULY 18	MID-JULY THROUGH OCTOBER
AUGUST 15	MID-AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER
SEPTEMBER 12	MID-SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER
OCTOBER 17	MID-OCTOBER THROUGH JANUARY
NOVEMBER 14	MID-NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY
DECEMBER 12	MID-DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH

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