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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-06  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1240 PM EST FRI JAN 31 2003

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

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT /SLS/ FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND  
TORNADO WATCHES WILL ORIGINATE FROM NWS WFO WAKEFIELD VA: EFFECTIVE MARCH  
31 2003.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 31 2003...THE VIRGINIA PORTION OF THE AREAL  
OUTLINE PRODUCT /SLS/ FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCHES WILL BE  
ISSUED BY NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA  
/AKQ/...USING THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING WWUS61  
KAKQ AND THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/  
IDENTIFIER SLSVA.

THE AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT FOR SUCH WATCHES IS CURRENTLY ISSUED BY THE NWS  
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON WFO WITH WMO HEADING WWUS61 KLWX AND AWIPS IDENTIFIER  
SLSDC. THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON WFO WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE PRODUCT FOR MARYLAND AND THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER THIS PRODUCT HEADING.

\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*

NWS CUSTOMERS DESIRING THE VIRGINIA SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCH  
AREAL OUTLINE MUST KEY ON BOTH...REPEAT BOTH...THE WMO HEADING /WWUS61  
KAKQ/ AND THE AWIPS IDENTIFIER /SLSVA/...NOT JUST THE WMO HEADING.

FOR RECEIPT OF THE MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON DC SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND  
TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE...CUSTOMERS ARE TO CONTINUE KEYING ON THE  
CURRENT WMO HEADING AND AWIPS IDENTIFIER /SEE TABLE 1/.

TABLE 1. VIRGINIA...MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON DC WATCH AREAL OUTLINE WMO HEADINGS/AWIPS IDENTIFIERS

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION -----	NEW WMO HEADING/ AWIPS ID -----	CURRENT WMO HEADING/ AWIPS ID -----
VIRGINIA SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE	WWUS61 KAKQ/SLSVA	WWUS61 KLWX/SLSDC
MARYLAND/WASHINGTON DC SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCH AREAL OUTLINE	NO CHANGE	WWUS61 KLWX/SLSDC

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