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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-10...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
425 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

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

FROM: GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: UPDATED: FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND: EFFECTIVE
APRIL 30 2003

UPDATED EFFECTIVE DATE - THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM
MONDAY...MARCH 31 TO WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003. THE UPDATED ZONE MAP
SHAPEFILE CAN NOW BE DOWNLOADED...SEE THE WEBSITE BELOW IN PARAGRAPH FOUR
/4/.

ON WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003...AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...THERE WILL BE A REALIGNMENT OF
SELECTED FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARIES IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND. THESE CHANGES
AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE
/WFO/ IN BOSTON/TAUNTON MASSACHUSETTS /BOX/. REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR NEW
ZONE NAMES AND CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN
TABLE 2.

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 1 USING
THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ MAY NEED TO PROGRAM THE
NEW Z CODES INTO THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO LATER THAN APRIL 30 2003 TO CONTINUE
TO PROCESS THE PRODUCTS.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE REALIGNED ZONES IS AVAILABLE
FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm)

TABLE 1. OLD AND NEW ZONE NAMES AND ZONE CODES /Z FORM OF THE UGC/

NEW ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
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CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY	MAZ005	WESTERN MIDDLESEX	MAZ005
NORTHWEST MIDDLESEX COUNTY	MAZ026	-NEW ZONE- -NEW-	

NEW ZONE NAME -----	NEW UGC /Z/ -----	OLD ZONE NAME -----	OLD UGC /Z/ -----
--SAME NAME BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--	MAZ017	NORTHERN BRISTOL	MAZ017
--SAME NAME BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--	MAZ020	SOUTHERN BRISTOL	MAZ020
EASTERN HILLSBOROUGH WESTERN AND CENTRAL	NHZ012 NHZ015	HILLSBOROUGH -NEW ZONE- -NEW-	NHZ012
--SAME NAME BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES--	RIZ006	WASHINGTON	RIZ006
BLOCK ISLAND	RIZ008	-NEW ZONE- -NEW-	

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE

PRODUCT NAME -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KBOX	ZFPBOX
FLOOD WATCH	FGUS61 KBOX	FFABOX
NON-PRECIPIATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KBOX	NPWBOX
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KBOX	WSWBOX
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS71 KBOX	SPSBOX
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KBOX	NOWBOX
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS81 KBOX	FLSBOX
FLOOD WARNING	WGUS41 KBOX	FLWBOX
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KBOX	HWOBX
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KBOX	PNSBOX
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KBOX	RVDBOX
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KBOX	RVSBOS
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KBOX	ESFBOX
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KBOX	FWFBOS
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/STATEMENT	WHUS41 KBOX	CFWBOX
DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	FOUS51 KBOX	RDFBOX
REGIONAL WEATHER DISCUSSION FOR SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND	AWUS41 KBOX	RWSBOS
REGIONAL WEATHER ROUNDUP	ASUS51 KBOS	SWRMA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNTY CODES USED FOR TORNADO...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS...AS WELL AS CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...REMAIN UNCHANGED SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS USE THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF THE UGC.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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