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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-12...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
430 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
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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 EASTERN NEW YORK AND WESTERN
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 TEN
/10/.

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...SIX NEW FORECAST ZONES WILL BE
CREATED IN EASTERN NEW YORK AND WESTERN NEW ENGLAND. THESE CHANGES AFFECT
PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN
ALBANY NEW YORK /ALY/. REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR NEW ZONE NAMES AND CODES.
PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

- FULTON COUNTY NEW YORK WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...NORTHERN AND
SOUTHERN. THE SOUTHERN PART WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER NYZ039 CURRENTLY
USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE NORTHERN PORTION WILL RECEIVE THE NEW
ZONE DESIGNATION NYZ082. THE SPLIT WILL SEPARATE THE MOHAWK VALLEY FROM
THE HIGHER TERRAIN OF THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE
COUNTY.

- THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF WARREN COUNTY NEW YORK WILL BE SPLIT OFF. THE
NORTHERN PORTION WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER NYZ042 CURRENTLY USED FOR THE
ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SOUTHEAST SEGMENT OF THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE NEW
ZONE DESIGNATION NYZ083. THE SPLIT WILL BREAK THE UPPER HUDSON VALLEY
PORTION OF THE COUNTY OFF FROM THE HIGH PEAKS OF THE EASTERN ADIRONDACKS
IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

- WASHINGTON COUNTY NEW YORK WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...NORTHERN
AND SOUTHERN. THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTY WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER
NYZ043...CURRENTLY USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SOUTHERN HALF WILL
RECEIVE THE NEW ZONE DESIGNATION NYZ084. THE SPLIT WILL SEPARATE THE
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PORTION OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTY FROM THE
HIGHER TERRAIN OF THE NORTHERN TACONICS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE
COUNTY.

- WINDHAM COUNTY VERMONT WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...EASTERN AND WESTERN. THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER VTZ014...CURRENTLY USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE NEW ZONE DESIGNATION VTZ015. THE SPLIT WILL SEPARATE THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY FROM THE GREENE MOUNTAINS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

- BERKSHIRE COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN. THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTY WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER MAZ001...CURRENTLY USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SOUTHERN HALF WILL RECEIVE THE NEW ZONE DESIGNATION MAZ025. THE SPLIT WILL SEPARATE THE HIGHER TERRAIN OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY FROM THE MORE MODEST MOUNTAINS OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRES.

- LITCHFIELD COUNTY CONNECTICUT WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN. THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTY WILL RETAIN THE ZONE NUMBER CTZ001...CURRENTLY USED FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SOUTHERN HALF WILL RECEIVE THE NEW ZONE DESIGNATION CTZ013. THE SPLIT WILL SEPARATE THE HIGHER TERRAIN OF THE LITCHFIELD HILLS FROM THE BEGINNINGS OF THE COASTAL PLAIN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FORECASTS FOR EASTERN NEW YORK AND WESTERN NEW ENGLAND TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC.

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)

A MAP OF THESE NEW ZONES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING URL ADDRESS /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/ALY/IMAGES/NEWZONE.JPG](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/aly/images/newzone.jpg)

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.

NEW ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
NORTHERN FULTON	NYZ082	FULTON	NYZ039
SOUTHERN FULTON	NYZ039	FULTON	NYZ039
SOUTHEAST WARREN	NYZ083	WARREN	NYZ042
NORTHERN WARREN	NYZ042	WARREN	NYZ042
SOUTHERN WASHINGTON	NYZ084	WASHINGTON	NYZ043
NORTHERN WASHINGTON	NYZ043	WASHINGTON	NYZ043
EASTERN WINDHAM	VTZ015	WINDHAM	VTZ014
WESTERN WINDHAM	VTZ014	WINDHAM	VTZ014
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE	MAZ025	BERKSHIRE	MAZ001
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE	MAZ001	BERKSHIRE	MAZ001
SOUTHERN LITCHFIELD	CTZ013	LITCHFIELD	CTZ001
NORTHERN LITCHFIELD	CTZ001	LITCHFIELD	CTZ001

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES

PRODUCT NAME -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KALY	ZFPALY
DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST	FOUS51 KALY	RDFALY
FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KALY	FFAALY
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KALY	HWOALY
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KALY	NPWALY
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KALY	WSWALY
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KALY	SPSALY
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KALY	NOWALY
RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS81 KALY	RFWALY
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KALY	FWFALY
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KALY	RVDALB
HYDROLOGIC SUMMARY	SRUS41 KALY	RVAALB
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KALY	RVSALB
HYDROLOGIC OR WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KALY	ESFALY
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KALY	PNSALY
FLASH FLOOD GUIDANCE /NY/	FOUS61 KTAR	FFGNY
FLASH FLOOD GUIDANCE /MA/	FOUS61 KTAR	FFGMA

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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 ALBANY NEW YORK
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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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