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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-26
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1130 AM EDT TUE APR 22 2003

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

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST/ADVISORY PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE
MAY 15 2003

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2003...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER/NATIONAL HURRICANE
CENTER /NHC/ AND THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER /CPHC/ WILL CHANGE
THE FORMAT OF THE CODED STRING AS APPENDED TO THE END OF THE MASS NEWS
DISSEMINATOR /MND/ HEADER BLOCK...NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI
FL...ON THE TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST/ADVISORY PRODUCT. THE STRING WILL
CHANGE THE YEAR FROM TWO DIGITS TO FOUR DIGITS. CODING IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXAMPLE:

HURRICANE ISIDORE FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER 28
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL102002
0300Z MON SEP 23 2002

FORMAT:
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BSNOYR

WHERE: /BS/ IS THE BASIN AT...ATLANTIC EP...EASTERN PACIFIC CP...CENTRAL
PACIFIC

WHERE: /NO/ IS THE TROPICAL CYCLONE NUMBER 01...99

WHERE: /YR/ IS FOUR DIGITS OF THE YEAR

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST/ADVISORY ATLANTIC	WTNT<21-25> KNHC	TCMAT<1-5>
EAST PACIFIC	WTPZ<21-25> KNHC	TCMEP<1-5>
CENTRAL PACIFIC	WTPA<21-25> PHFO	TCMCP<1-5>

NOTE...THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/
HEADINGS OR ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/
IDENTIFIERS AND NO ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED RECEIPT OF THIS
PRODUCT FROM NHC AND CPHC.

A SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ DETAILING OTHER CHANGES TO THE TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST/ADVISORY PRODUCT WAS ISSUED BY THE NWS ON MARCH 10 2003...REFERENCE [SCN 03-16](#).

A WEB PAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW USERS TO TEST ALL CHANGES TO THE TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST/ADVISORY PRODUCT TO ENSURE CORRECT PRODUCT DECODING. SEE EXAMPLES AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE)

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