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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-72
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: NEW NWS PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE AND TECHNICAL CHANGE
MESSAGES...EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7 2004

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1805...ENTITLED NATIONAL
SERVICE AND TECHNICAL CHANGE MESSAGES...DESCRIBES NEW PROCEDURES FOR
NOTIFYING NWS STAFF...CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS OF SERVICE AND TECHNICAL
CHANGES. SPECIFICALLY...THIS INSTRUCTION DESCRIBES PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING
THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF NATIONAL LEVEL NOTIFICATIONS:

SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES /SCN/
TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES /TIN/
GENERAL NATIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS /PNS/
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGES FOR NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER
INFORMATION NETWORK

ONE OR MORE EXAMPLES OF EACH OF THESE FIVE TYPES OF MESSAGES ARE INCLUDED
IN NWSI 10-1805.

THIS INSTRUCTION EXPANDS GREATLY ON THE CURRENT PROCEDURES IN
EFFECT...DESCRIBED IN WEATHER SERVICES OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER A-
40...ENTITLED SERVICE CHANGE PROCESS. WSOM A-40 WILL BECOMES OBSOLETE ON
JANUARY 7 2004 WHEN NWSI 10-1805 BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL NWS STAFF...PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS TO READ NWSI 10-1805
TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE NEW PROCEDURES. THE FOLLOWING ARE
IMPORTANT NEW PROCEDURES IN NWSI 10-1805:

AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REVISIONS FROM WSOM A-40 TO NWSI 10-1805 IS
INCLUDED BELOW. A MORE DETAILED LIST OF CHANGES IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER
CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATIONS/NWSI10-1805SUMMARY.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/notifications/nws10-1805summary.pdf)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NWSI 10-1805...

1. THE MINIMUM ADVANCE LEAD TIMES BETWEEN ISSUANCE OF THE NOTIFICATION MESSAGE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY - SEE SECTION 5 AND TABLE 1. THESE CHANGES ARE BASED ON INPUT FROM NATIONAL LEVEL CUSTOMERS.

2. A WAIVER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE MINIMUM ADVANCE LEAD TIME SHOWN IN TABLE 1 CANNOT BE PROVIDED.

3. ANY CHANGE TO THE SUPPORTING INFORMATION...SUCH AS SHAPEFILES...SAMPLE PRODUCT FORMATS...OR COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS...AFTER A NATIONAL SERVICE OR TECHNICAL CHANGE MESSAGE HAS BEEN ISSUED WILL REQUIRE AN UPDATED MESSAGE WITH A NEW EFFECTIVE DATE TO ALLOW FOR THE MINIMUM ADVANCE LEAD TIME FROM THE DATE OF THE NEW NOTIFICATION MESSAGE.

4. ALL SERVICE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TRANSMITTED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NWSI 10-1805 WILL HAVE LEAD TIMES AS SPECIFIED IN TABLE 1 OF NWSI 10-1805.

WE ENCOURAGE REGIONAL AND NWS HEADQUARTERS PROGRAM MANAGERS TO BEGIN USING THE NEW LEAD TIMES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR PLANNING...EVEN BEFORE NWSI 10-1805 BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT NWSI 10-1805...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NWSI 10-1805 IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES

CLICK ON 10-OPERATIONS AND SERVICES...AND THEN SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK ON 10-1805 NATIONAL SERVICE AND TECHNICAL CHANGE MESSAGES.

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

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

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