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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-22
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EDT THU APR 15 2004

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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TEAM LEADER FOR DATA MANAGEMENT SECTION

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER TRANSITION PLAN

THE NWS HAS BEEN REVIEWING ALL COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS /CID/ FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NWS AND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ CID POLICIES. NWS CIDS CONSIST OF THE WMO HEADING ON ONE LINE FOLLOWED BY THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER ON A SECOND LINE. NOTE: NOT ALL NWS PRODUCTS REQUIRE AN AWIPS IDENTIFIER.

PRESENTLY...MANY NWS OFFICES ISSUE PRODUCTS WITH A MIX OF CIDS. SOME ARE COMPLIANT WITH CURRENT NWS AND WMO POLICIES WHILE OTHERS ARE NOT. EXAMPLE: MANY NWS OFFICES ISSUE SOME PRODUCTS USING THEIR OLD SITE IDS AND OTHER PRODUCTS WITH THEIR NEWER SITE ID. HOWEVER...OVER THE NEXT YEAR...NWS WILL BE WORKING TO CONVERT ALL CIDS SO THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH NWS AND WMO POLICIES.

CID CHANGES ARE PLANNED FOR SIX PHASES BASED PRIMARILY ON RELATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES. THE FIRST PHASE IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 2004 WITH SUBSEQUENT PHASES FOLLOWING APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS APART. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NUMBER OF CHANGES IN EACH PHASE AND PRODUCT CATEGORIES MAY BE MOVED TO BETTER BALANCE THE PHASES OR FOR OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.

FUTURE DATA MANAGEMENT NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED 75 DAYS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EACH OF THE SIX PHASES OF CID CHANGES. EACH NOTICE WILL REFERENCE AN EXPLICIT LIST OF ALL AFFECTED CIDS IN THAT PHASE AND THE SPECIFIC CID CHANGES TO BE MADE. SIMILAR NOTICES SUCH AS NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE AND LOCAL OR REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS WILL ALSO BE DISSEMINATED IN THE SAME TIME FRAME.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPENDING CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE DATA MANAGEMENT /DM/ WEBPAGE AND ON A CID TRANSITION WEBPAGE. THE URL FOR THE DM WEBPAGE AND THE CID TRANSITION WEBPAGE IS POSTED BELOW /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DATAMGMT/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/index.html)

THE URL FOR THE CID TRANSITION WEBPAGE IS /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DATAMGMT/CID.HTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/cid.html)

DATA MANAGEMENT IS THE PRIMARY LEAD FOR CID TRANSITION IMPLEMENTATION. EACH NWS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ AND MANY LOCAL NWS OFFICES...ALSO HAVE A CID TRANSITION POINT OF CONTACT /POC/.

BEFORE EACH PHASE...NWS OFFICES MAY ELECT TO TEST PRODUCTS AS PART OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CID CHANGES. ALL TEST PRODUCTS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT FOR TEST MESSAGES DOCUMENTED IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1701.

ALL TESTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH DATA MANAGEMENT.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS TRANSITION...PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NWS HEADQUARTERS CONTACTS IN SILVER SPRING MARYLAND:

WALTER SMITH 301-713-0864 EXT. 139
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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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