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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-40 AMENDED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
440 PM EDT FRI OCT 29 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

FROM: LEROY SPAYD  
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SUBJECT: AMENDED: CHANGE TO SEGMENTED FORMAT FOR SEVERE WEATHER  
STATEMENT...FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT AND COASTAL  
FLOOD PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 3 2004

AMENDED TO CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM NOVEMBER 3 2004 TO DECEMBER 8 2004  
AND HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS AND COASTAL FLOOD PRODUCTS WILL NOT INCLUDE THE  
VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ STRING AT THIS TIME.

ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8 2004 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...ALL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL CHANGE TO A SEGMENTED  
FORMAT FOR THE SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT /SVS/...FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
/FFS/...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT /MWS/ AND COASTAL FLOOD /CFW/ PRODUCTS.

UPDATED EXAMPLES OF SEGMENTED SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...FLASH FLOOD  
STATEMENTS...MARINE WEATHER STATEMENTS AND COASTAL FLOOD PRODUCTS MAY BE  
ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/FOLLOWUP.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/watch/followup.pdf)

SEGMENTED FOLLOW UP STATEMENTS WILL ALLOW FORECASTERS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS  
WHEN WEATHER HAZARDS HAVE ENDED FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES AND MARINE ZONES  
INCLUDED IN LARGE MULTIPLE COUNTY OR MARINE ZONE WARNINGS. SEGMENTED  
STATEMENTS WILL ALSO ALLOW FORECASTERS TO INFORM CUSTOMERS WHEN THEIR  
COUNTIES OR MARINE ZONES WERE ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN SEVERE THUNDERSTORM  
WARNINGS...TORNADO WARNINGS...FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS AND SPECIAL MARINE  
WARNINGS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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