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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-48 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1015 AM EST WED NOV 10 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: MARK TEW
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: AMENDED...CHANGE TO OPERATIONAL WATCH BY COUNTY
PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8 2005

AMENDED TO CONTINUE UPDATE WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/ AND WATCH
COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN/ AS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS AFTER FEBRUARY
8 2005. ALSO CORRECTED THE DATE OF THE TECHNICAL WORKSHOP FROM DECEMBER 8
2005 TO DECEMBER 8 2004 AND CORRECTED REFERENCE TO VALID TIME EVENT CODE
/VTEC/ IN SECOND PARAGRAPH TO INDICATE OPERATIONAL VTEC.

THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ AND THE NORMAN OKLAHOMA WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICE /WFO/ WILL HOST A WATCH BY COUNTY AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/
TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON DECEMBER 8 2004 IN NORMAN OKLAHOMA TO BRIEF USERS ON
RECENT DECISIONS AND AMENDED SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE INITIAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/ ISSUED BY SPC WILL
INCLUDE OPERATIONAL VTEC.

ON TUESDAY...FEBRUARY 8 2005 AT 1200 UTC...SPC WILL BEGIN ISSUING
OPERATIONAL FINAL WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE MESSAGES /WOU/. FINAL WOU NOTIFY
CUSTOMERS THAT A TORNADO OR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED
OR HAS EXPIRED. UPDATED WOU WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS. UPDATED
WOU DEPICT INDEPENDENT CITIES AND ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES
WHICH REMAIN IN ACTIVE TORNADO AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCHES.

WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN/ ISSUED BY WFOS IN THE CONTIGUOUS
UNITED STATES /CONUS/ AND THE STATE OF HAWAII WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL.
WFOS ISSUE AN INITIAL WCN AT THE START TIME OF THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR
TORNADO WATCH. WFOS ISSUE UPDATED WCNS TO CANCEL FROM THE WATCH...ADD TO
THE WATCH OR EXTEND THE WATCH EXPIRATION TIME FOR COUNTIES...INDEPENDENT
CITIES AND/OR ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES IN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONES REFER TO A WFO/S NEAR SHORE
RESPONSIBILITY. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS OUT TO 20 NAUTICAL MILES FOR THE
PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC OCEANS AND THE GULF OF MEXICO. ALL GREAT LAKES
MARINE ZONES WILL BE INCLUDED IN WATCH STATUS MESSAGES.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THESE PRODUCTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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AN EXAMPLE OF OPERATIONAL WATCH BY COUNTY PRODUCTS MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/WBC_ADD.PDF](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/WBC_ADD.PDF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WATCH BY COUNTY MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH)

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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