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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-24 UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1050 AM EDT TUE OCT 25 2005

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: UPDATED: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VALID TIME EVENT CODE
/VTEC/ IN SEVEN NWS EVENT-DRIVEN PRODUCTS AND TWO ROUTINE MARINE PRODUCTS:
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 2005: REMINDER AND UPDATE

UPDATED TO INCLUDE FLEXIBILITY IN IMPLEMENTING VTEC FOR WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICES /WFOS/ EXPERIENCING HAZARDOUS WEATHER LOCALLY ON NOVEMBER 1 2005.

ON TUESDAY...NOVEMBER 1 2005 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...ALL WFOS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES /CONUS/ WILL TRANSITION
FROM EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ TO OPERATIONAL VTEC IN
SEVEN NWS EVENT-DRIVEN OR NON-ROUTINE PRODUCT CATEGORIES...INCLUDING ONE
NATIONAL EVENT-DRIVEN PRODUCT CATEGORY. TWO WFO ROUTINE MARINE FORECASTS
ALSO WILL TRANSITION FROM USE OF EXPERIMENTAL VTEC TO OPERATIONAL VTEC ON
NOVEMBER 1 2005.

IF NOVEMBER 1 2005 IS DECLARED A NATIONAL CRITICAL WEATHER
DAY...IMPLEMENTATION WILL OCCUR ON THE NEXT WEEKDAY NOT DECLARED A
CRITICAL WEATHER DAY.

UPDATED INFORMATION...IN THE EVENT OF LOCAL HAZARDOUS WEATHER... WFO/S MAY
CHOOSE TO IMPLEMENT VTEC ANYTIME ON NOVEMBER 1 2005 BEGINNING AT 0000 UTC
OR...IF NECESSARY...DELAY IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE NEXT DAY.

BEGINNING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE...THE FOLLOWING NWS TEXT PRODUCT
CATEGORIES ISSUED BY CONUS WFO/S WILL CONTAIN OPERATIONAL VTEC:

WFO EVENT-DRIVEN PUBLIC PRODUCTS:

WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION - WCN
WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE - WSW
NON-PRECIPITATION WEATHER MESSAGE - NPW

WFO EVENT-DRIVEN HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS:

FLOOD WATCH AND FLASH FLOOD WATCH - FFA

WFO EVENT-DRIVEN COASTAL AND MARINE PRODUCTS:

COASTAL HAZARD MESSAGE AND LAKESHORE HAZARD MESSAGE /INCLUDING HIGH SURF/
- CFW

WFO EVENT-DRIVEN FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS:

RED FLAG WARNING AND FIRE WEATHER WATCH - RFW

NATIONAL EVENT-DRIVEN PRODUCT:

WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE /AS NEEDED UPDATES/ - WOU

WFO ROUTINE MARINE FORECASTS:

COASTAL WATERS FORECAST - CWF
GREAT LAKES NEARSHORE FORECAST - NSH

THESE OPERATIONAL VTEC PRODUCT CATEGORIES WILL JOIN THE FIVE PRODUCT
CATEGORIES FROM ALL WFOS WHICH BEGAN USING OPERATIONAL VTEC ON FEBRUARY 8
2005 AND MARCH 16 2005:

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING - SVR
TORNADO WARNING - TOR
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT - SVS
SPECIAL MARINE WARNING - SMW
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT /FOLLOW-UP TO SMW/ - MWS

COMPLETE INFORMATION ON VTEC CAN BE FOUND IN NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1703 AND
AT THE VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/VTEC](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/vtec)

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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