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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-11 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
750 AM EST THU MAR 30 2006

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS

EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/

SUBSCRIBERS

NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS

OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE

CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: AMENDED...NEW BACKUP PRODUCTS FOR DISSEMINATION OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HIGH DENSITY OBSERVATION DATA FROM TROPICAL CYCLONE WC-130J RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2007

AMENDED TO CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM JUNE 1 2006 TO JUNE 1 2007 IN THE SUBJECT LINE AND MESSAGE BODY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NOW USES WC-130J AIRCRAFT FOR ITS FLEET OF HURRICANE HUNTER PLANES. ONE ENHANCED CAPABILITY OFFERED BY THE WC-130J IS COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION OF HIGH DENSITY/HIGH ACCURACY DATA COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS HIGH DENSITY OBSERVATIONS /HDOB/.

THE TRANSMISSION OF NEW BACKUP PRODUCTS HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO CHANGES IN THE RETROFIT AND SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE WC-130J AIRCRAFT.

THEREFORE...THROUGH THE ENTIRE 2006 HURRICANE SEASON...THIS DATA WILL BE ROUTED VIA THE NWS FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SXXX50 MESSAGE. USERS MUST MONITOR THE SXXX50 MESSAGE TO RECEIVE ALL AIR FORCE HDOB DATA THROUGH 2006.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2007...IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY MEANS OF DISSEMINATION FOR AIR FORCE HDOB DATA CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA THE NHC...BACKUP PRODUCTS WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE. USERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THIS DATA WILL NEED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THEIR WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ COMMUNICATIONS DATABASES BY JUNE 1 2007:

FOR THE ATLANTIC:

FOR THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC:

AIRCRAFT HIGH DENSITY OBSERVATIONS URPN15 KBIX/ADD

FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC:
AIRCRAFT HIGH DENSITY OBSERVATIONS URPA15 KBIX/ADD

THESE NEW PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FOS...EMWIN...NOAAPORT AND NWWS.

HDOB MESSAGE FORMATS ARE PROVIDED IN NATIONAL HURRICANE OPERATIONS PLAN /NHOP/ APPENDIX G. THE NHOP IS PROVIDED ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.OFCM.GOV/NHOP

THE 2005 NHOP IS NOW POSTED ON THE INTERNET AND THE 2006 NHOP WILL BE POSTED BY JUNE 1 2006.

A NEW SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED IN EARLY 2007 ALERTING USERS TO THE HDOB BACKUP PRODUCT CHANGES EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2007 HURRICANE SEASON.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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