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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-12
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
800 AM EDT FRI MAR 16 2007

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: INCLUSION OF EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN AREAL
FLOOD PRODUCTS ISSUED BY SELECTED WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES: EFFECTIVE
APRIL 2 2007

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 06-02 CORRECTED](#)...TRANSMITTED
JANUARY 26 2006.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 2 2007 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...SELECTED
NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL BEGIN INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS:

FLASH FLOOD WARNING /FFW/
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT /FFS/
AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP TO AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLS/
FLOOD STATEMENT - AREAL ADVISORIES /FLS/

NOTE: EXPERIMENTAL VTEC FOLLOWS ALL VTEC STANDARDS AS DESCRIBED IN NWS
INSTRUCTION 10-1703...BUT USES THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

AS INDICATED IN [CORRECTED SCN 06-02](#)...INCLUSION OF HYDROLOGIC VTEC HAS
BEEN PLANNED FOR AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR SOME TIME. MORE TIME WAS NEEDED
TO ENSURE VTEC WAS READY FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL VTEC AT SELECTED WFOS IS BEING DONE AS
PART OF A RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY TO DETERMINE READINESS FOR NATIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION. PENDING A SUCCESSFUL RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...NATIONWIDE
IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THE ABOVE PRODUCTS IS PLANNED TO
OCCUR BY SEPTEMBER 13 2007. FULL OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION IS SLATED FOR
OCTOBER 17 2007. THE ONLY CHANGE TAKING PLACE ON OCTOBER 17 WILL BE A
SWITCH FROM USING THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE TO THE
OPERATIONAL /O/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN ALL NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...INCLUDING TABLES LISTING THE WFOS PARTICIPATING IN THIS RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...CAN BE FOUND ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO_VTEC.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec/hydro_vtec.shtml)

TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTIFICATIONS VIA REALLY SIMPLE SYNDICATION /RSS/ FEED WHEN ANY ITEM ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE IS UPDATED...CLICK THE RSS/EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ LOG AT THE TOP OF THE WEBPAGE...OR ADD THE FOLLOWING RSS FEED URL /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO/HYDROVTEC.XML.RSS](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/vtec/hydro/hydrovtec.xml.rss) TO YOUR RSS READER TO SUBSCRIBE.

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VTEC CAN BE FOUND 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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