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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-18
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1120 AM EDT TUE MAR 11 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
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CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: ENHANCEMENT TO THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008

THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE PROVIDES REAL-TIME OBSERVATIONS FROM DROPWINDSONDES RELEASED IN AND AROUND TROPICAL CYCLONES. THE CURRENT MESSAGE FORMAT PROVIDES INSUFFICIENT LOCATION PRECISION FOR CERTAIN DROPWINDSONDES RELEASED IN VERY STRONG WINDS CLOSE TO THE CENTER OF CIRCULATION.

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008...THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE 62626 NATIONALLY-DEVELOPED CODE GROUP IN THE TEMPDROP MESSAGE:

1. ADDITION OF A RELEASE LOCATION/TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED /REL/
2. ADDITION OF A NEW SPLASH LOCATION/TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED /SPG/

NOTE: THE FORMER SPLASH/LOCATION TIME DESIGNATOR...CODED SPL...WILL BE RETAINED BUT LIKELY NOT BE USED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW 62626 CODE GROUP FOLLOWS:

62626 REL XXXXXNXXXXXW HHMMSS SPG XXXXXNXXXXXW HHMMSS

COMPLETE TEMPDROP MESSAGE FORMATS ARE PROVIDED IN THE NATIONAL HURRICANE OPERATIONS PLAN /NHOP/. SEE TABLE G-6. THE NHOP IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.OFCM.GOV/HOMEPAGE/TEXT/PUBS.HTM](http://www.ofcm.gov/homepage/text/pubs.htm)

THE 2007 NHOP IS NOW POSTED ON THE INTERNET AND THE 2008 NHOP WILL BE POSTED BY JUNE 1 2008.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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