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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-52  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
315 PM EST FRI DEC 4 2008

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL CHANGE IN MINIMUM HAIL SIZE CRITERION FOR ISSUING SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING /SVR/ AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT /SVS/ PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5 2010

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...JANUARY 5 2010 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...ALL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL OPERATIONALLY CHANGE THE MINIMUM HAIL SIZE CRITERION USED TO ISSUE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING /SVR/ AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT /SVS/ PRODUCTS FROM 3/4 INCH /PENNY/ DIAMETER OR LARGER HAIL TO 1 INCH /QUARTER/ DIAMETER OR LARGER HAIL.

NO CHANGE IS BEING MADE TO THE SVR AND SVS PRODUCT WIND CRITERION OF WIND GUSTS EQUAL TO OR IN EXCESS OF 50 KNOTS /58 MPH/.

A PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT /PNS/ SOLICITING COMMENTS REGARDING THIS CHANGE WAS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 23 2009 /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/PNS09\\_1\\_INCH\\_HAIL.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns09_1_inch_hail.pdf)

NWS RECEIVED 63 COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE PNS...54 OF WHICH /86 PERCENT/ SUPPORTED THIS CHANGE. A WEBPAGE WILL BE CREATED TO ADDRESS ALL COMMENTS SINCE SOME COMMENTS INDICATED A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OUTREACH. THIS WEBPAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER 15 2009 AND WILL BE PUBLICIZED VIA ANOTHER PNS.

NWS REVIEWED ALL COMMENTS BEFORE DECIDING TO CHANGE MINIMUM HAIL SIZE CRITERION FOR SVR AND SVS PRODUCTS.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN REGION WFOS CURRENTLY ISSUE SVR AND SVS PRODUCTS EXPERIMENTALLY USING THE 1 INCH /QUARTER/ DIAMETER OR LARGER HAIL SIZE CRITERION /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN09-19HAIL\\_CHANGE.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn09-19hail_change.pdf)

AND

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN09-36WR\\_HAIL\\_EXP.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn09-36wr_hail_exp.pdf)

THESE WFOS WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE 1 INCH /QUARTER/ HAIL SIZE CRITERION PRODUCTS EXPERIMENTALLY THROUGH JANUARY 4 2010. ALL NWS WFOS WILL ADOPT THE NEW CRITERION OPERATIONALLY ON JANUARY 5 2010.

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