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Subject: Corrected: Transition from Experimental to Operational Status of
the Wind-Hail Tag Line for NWS Central Region Severe Thunderstorm
Warnings: Effective November 15, 2010

Corrected to include Special Marine Warnings (SMW) and Marine Weather
Statements (MWS) for the Great Lakes.

Effective Monday, November 15, 2010, NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)
in the NWS Central Region (CR) will transition a service enhancement
associated with severe thunderstorm warnings from experimental to
operational status. The enhancement is the concise coded tag line
identifying maximum forecast wind gusts and hail size at the end of severe
thunderstorm warnings (SVR), associated follow-up statements (SVS),
Special Marine Warnings (SMW) for the Great Lakes and Marine Weather
Statements (MWS) for the Great Lakes.

Inclusion of this information at the end of these products represents an
effort to respond to requests from partners in the emergency management
community and several societal impacts groups. One specific application
concerns the use of this information to activate emergency alert sirens
when conditions exceed user-defined thresholds, a decision normally
reserved for tornado events.

The tag line makes easily accessible the information necessary to reach
such a decision. In addition, it facilitates the use of parsing software
to automate alerting functions whether by government officials or private
sector vendors.

Feedback during the experimental test period was so overwhelmingly
positive that the NWS CRH decided to make this change a permanent and
official part of severe thunderstorm warnings issued from NWS CR WFOs. A
map showing all CR WFOs is available online at:

http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/cr_wfos.pdf

A more detailed description of the coded tag line, including format and examples, can be found in the Service Description Document (SDD) at:

<http://products.weather.gov>

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