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Subject: Corrected: Transition of NWS Storm Prediction Center (SPC) Thunderstorm Outlook (CONUS Only) from Experimental to Operational Status: Effective September 26, 2012

Corrected to change the fourth issuance time of the day from 2030 UTC to 2100 UTC.

Effective Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 1700 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the SPC Thunderstorm Outlook becomes operational. This product is issued only for the contiguous U.S. (CONUS).

The SPC Thunderstorm Outlook depicts the expected geographic areas of thunderstorms including 10, 40 and 70 percent probabilities in 4- or 8-hour time periods. A 40 percent probability means given similar environmental conditions, a thunderstorm would be observed at any one location (in either a county or city) within the 40 percent thunder probability area four times out of ten, or 40 percent of the time.

Forecasts of thunderstorms are critical for the protection of life and property since every thunderstorm contains lightning that is a potential killer. The high temporal and spatial resolution of the SPC Thunderstorm Outlook will aid both NWS forecasters and NWS partners in time-sensitive decisions related to thunderstorms and ultimately provide greater safety for the U.S. public.

SPC Thunderstorm Outlook issuance and valid times are:

Issue Time (UTC)	Valid Periods (UTC)
0600	1200-1600, 1600-2000, 2000-0000
1300	1600-2000, 2000-0000, 0000-0400
1700	2000-0000, 0000-0400, 0400-1200
2100	0000-0400, 0400-1200
0130	0400-1200

The SPC Thunderstorm Outlooks web-based graphic is online at:

http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/exper/enhtstm/

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