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Subject: Coded Marine Verification Forecast (MVF) will no longer be
Issued: Effective Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Effective Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 1900 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) or 200 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), the NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) with marine responsibility and the national marine centers will no longer issue the Coded Marine Verification Forecast (MVF). This decision follows a comment period that began September 8, 2014, and ended October 31, 2014. The NWS received only a few comments and none with an objection to terminating the MVF.

The new marine forecast verification system takes all NWS marine wind and wave forecasts directly from the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD). NWS no longer needs to issue a coded forecast for fixed point locations to measure performance and thus no longer uses the MVF.

For a complete list of MVF product identifiers and associated issuing WFOs, see the spreadsheet posted at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/pns/mvf_ids.xlsx

Users who receive and process the MVF should delete all the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) headings listed in the posted spreadsheet above from their systems on or soon after February 3, 2015, as the MVF will no longer be issued.

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