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Subject: Updated: Consolidate WPC Quantitative Precipitation Discussion
and Excessive Rainfall Discussion: Effective June 5, 2018

Updated to change PMDERD in the second paragraph to QPFERD.

Effective Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 1500 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction's (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will consolidate its short-range rainfall-related discussion products as follows:

Expand content of the Excessive Rainfall Discussion, QPFERD, to include Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3. The Excessive Rainfall Discussion will complement and speak to the risk of excessive rainfall as depicted in the associated graphical products pertaining to all three days.

Eliminate the Quantitative Precipitation Discussion, QPFPPD.

Discussion of Day 2 and Day 3 excessive rainfall hazards were previously embedded within the QPFPPD. Stakeholder engagement revealed this information would be more appropriately delivered via the QPFERD.

The expanded QPFERD will focus on impactful hydro-meteorological events during critical 24-, 48- and 72-hour projections when key decisions are being made regarding NWS watches and user responses.

Products affected by this change include the discussion products located at:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=qpferd>
<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=qpfppd>

The expanded QPFERD will be issued coincident with the Excessive Rainfall graphics located at:

http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/excess_rain.shtml

Issuance times and additional product information are located at:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/fam2.shtml#excessrain>

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