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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 97-05 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 330 PM EDT MON SEP 29 1997

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS

OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: SHORT-FUSED COUNTY WARNING TRANSFER NOTICE 97-05: BIRMINGHAM AL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE/S SHORT-FUSED COUNTY WARNING AREA EXPANDS...EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2 1997

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...DECEMBER 2 1997...AT 1000 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME /1600 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC//...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WILL TRANSFER SHORT-FUSED WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEN /10/ COUNTIES /SEE TABLE 1/ IN ALABAMA TO THE BIRMINGHAM /BHM/ ALABAMA WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WSFO/ FROM THE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE /WSO/ IN HUNTSVILLE /HSV/ ALABAMA. FOR THESE COUNTIES...WSFO BHM WILL ISSUE SHORT-FUSED WARNING PRODUCTS /TABLE 2/ AND RELATED PRODUCTS THAT GIVE FOLLOWUP INFORMATION ON THE WARNINGS /TABLE 3/. FOR HOLDERS OF THE NWS OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTER C-47 /COUNTY WARNING AREAS/...THIS IS THE 5TH UPDATE FOR 1997.

BECAUSE OF THIS COUNTY WARNING TRANSFER...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ AND THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ MUST TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE THE SHORT-FUSE WARNINGS AND RELATED PRODUCTS FOR THE TEN /10/ COUNTIES USING THE BHM IDENTIFIER /TABLES 2 AND 3/ INSTEAD OF THE HSV IDENTIFIER. FOR EXAMPLE...IF YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS USING THE PRODUCT BHMSVRHSV...YOU WILL HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR PRODUCT IDENTIFIER TO BHMSVRBHM. THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/...HOWEVER...WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED /AS SHOWN IN TABLE 1/.

TABLE 1: COUNTIES TRANSFERRED TO BHM. C = COUNTY CODE; Z = ZONE CODE

COUNTY	UGC C	UGC Z	FROM:	TO:
COLBERT	ALC033-	ALZ002-	HSV	BHM
DEKALB	ALC049-	ALZ010-	HSV	BHM
FRANKLIN	ALC059-	ALZ003-	HSV	BHM
JACKSON	ALC071-	ALZ009-	HSV	BHM
LAUDERDALE	ALC077-	ALZ001-	HSV	\mathtt{BHM}
LAWRENCE	ALC079-	ALZ004-	HSV	BHM
LIMESTONE	ALC083-	ALZ005-	HSV	BHM
MADISON	ALC089-	ALZ006-	HSV	\mathtt{BHM}
NARSHALL	ALC095-	ALZ008-	HSV	BHM
MORGAN	ALC103-	ALZ007-	HSV	\mathtt{BHM}

++++ NOTE: THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO//FOS HEADERS IN TABLES 2 AND 3 WILL CHANGE SOMETIME AFTER DECEMBER 2 1997. THE NWS OFFICE OF SYSTEMS OPERATIONS WILL BE SENDING SPECIAL NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CHANGES. ++++

TABLE 2: THE FOLLOWING ARE SHORT-FUSED WARNING PRODUCTS FOR THE 10 COUNTIES TRANSFERRED TO BHM. UGC COUNTY CODES /C/ ARE USED IN THESE PRODUCTS.

WARNING PRODUCTS	NWWS ID	+++WMO HEADER /FOR FOS/
TORNADO WARNING	BHMTORBHM	WFUS1 KBHM
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM	BHMSVRBHM	WUUS1 KBHM
FLASH FLOOD WARNING	BHMFFWBHM	WRUS1 KBHM

TABLE 3: THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY RELATED PRODUCTS FOR THE 10 COUNTIES TRANSFERRED TO BHM. UGC ZONE CODES /Z/ ARE USED IN THESE PRODUCTS.

RELATED PRODUCTS	NWWS ID	WMO HEADER ++++ /FOR FOS/
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	BHMSPSBHM	WWUS35 KBHM
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	BHMSVSBHM	WWUS34 KBHM
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	ВНМСЕМВНМ	MMUS40 KBHM
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	BHMFFSBHM	RWUS32 KBHM
WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	BHMWSWBHM	WWUS46 KBHM
NON-PRECIPITATION WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	BHMNPWBHM	WWUS45 KBHM
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	BHMPNSBHM	ABUS34 KBHM
LOCAL STORM REPORT	BHMLSRBHM	WWUS30 KBHM
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	BHMNOWBHM	FXUS21 KBHM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CALL OR CONTACT:

MR. GARY PETTI OR MR. BRIAN E. PETERS
METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE ALABASTER ALABAMA

PHONE: 205-664-3010...MONDAY - FRIDAY 800 AM - 400 PM

NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/

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