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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-07 UPDATED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1130 AM EST THU MAR 4 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE  
CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: UPDATED: TRANSFER OF PUBLIC AND MARINE FORECAST RESPONSIBILITIES  
TO THE HOUSTON TX WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE...EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 1999

UPDATED FOR THE RETENTION OF LOCAL FORECAST IN GALVESTON TX /SATLFPGLS -  
FLUS84 KHGX/ AND REVISED NWS ID IN TABLE 3 FOR FLASH FLOOD WATCH. SEE  
DOUBLE ASTERISK /\*\*/ BELOW FOR ITEMS THAT CHANGED.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 15 1999 AT 1200 NOON CENTRAL STANDARD TIME OR  
1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL  
TRANSFER FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY FOR 23 ZONES IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND THE  
ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS /TABLE 1/ TO THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON TEXAS WEATHER  
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO HGX/. TRANSFER WILL BE FROM THE WFOS IN SAN ANTONIO  
TEXAS /EWX/ AND FORT WORTH TEXAS /FWD/. WFO HGX CURRENTLY ISSUES SHORT  
FUSED WARNINGS AND SHORT TERM FORECASTS FOR THE COUNTIES INVOLVED IN THIS  
TRANSFER.

FOR THE ZONES IN TABLE 1...WFO HGX WILL ISSUE THE PRODUCTS IN TABLES 2...3  
AND 4 AND THE CODED CITIES FORECAST. TRANSFERRING THESE SERVICES TO WFO  
HGX WILL COMPLETE ONE OF THE FINAL PHASES IN THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE/S MODERNIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM AND ENABLE A MORE  
EFFICIENT MANNER TO SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS.

\*\* THE GALVESTON LOCAL AREA FORECAST /SATLFPGLS - FLUS84 KHGX/ WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED BY THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON OFFICE.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- TO IMPROVE DISSEMINATION OF MARINE INFORMATION...MARINE FORECASTS WILL  
BE PLACED IN A SINGLE PRODUCT. THEREFORE...WFO HGX WILL NO LONGER ISSUE  
THE NEAR SHORE FORECAST /SATNSHHOU - FZUS54 KHGX/. ALL CUSTOMERS USING  
THE NEAR SHORE FORECAST WILL FIND THIS INFORMATION IN THE COASTAL WATERS  
FORECAST PRODUCT IN TABLE 2 /SAME WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/  
HEADING/.

- TIDES AND MISCELLANEOUS MARINE WEATHER INFORMATION /SATTIDHGX/ WILL BE  
FOUND IN A TIDE INFORMATION PRODUCT /SEE TABLE 4/.

- THE CODED CITIES FORECAST PRODUCT /SATCCFHGX - FPUS44 KHGX/ WILL ADD  
CODED FORECASTS FOR COLLEGE STATION AND GALVESTON. THE CODED FORECAST FOR  
HOUSTON IS ALREADY IN THIS PRODUCT.

- AN IMPROVEMENT WILL BE SEEN ON THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT IN TABLE 2. FOLLOWING THIS TRANSFER OF SERVICE...THE EXTENDED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED FOR EACH ZONE GROUP AND CONTAINED IN THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT. THIS CHANGE IS A CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLACING MORE INFORMATION ON FEWER PRODUCTS.

FOR HOLDERS OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER C-11...ZONE FORECAST BOUNDARIES...APPENDIX A...THIS UPDATES PAGES A-47...A-69 AND CHAPTER D-51...APPENDIX A...PAGE A-4.

BECAUSE OF THESE TRANSFERS...USERS OF INFORMATION FOR THE ZONES IN TABLE 1 WILL NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO RECEIVE ALL PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE ISSUED BY WFO HGX IN TABLES 2...3 AND 4.

TABLE 1. ZONES TO BE TRANSFERRED. /UGC = UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE/

ZONE BY COUNTY	UGC	ZONE BY COUNTY	UGC
AUSTIN	TXZ211-	BRAZORIA	TXZ237-
BRAZOS	TXZ196-	BURLESON	TXZ195-
CHAMBERS	TXZ214-	COLORADO	TXZ210-
FORT BEND	TXZ227-	GALVESTON	TXZ238-
GRIMES	TXZ198-	HARRIS	TXZ213-
HOUSTON	TXZ163-	JACKSON	TXZ235-
LIBERTY	TXZ200-	MADISON	TXZ176-
MATAGORDA	TXZ236-	MONTGOMERY	TXZ199-
POLK	TXZ179-	SAN JACINTO	TXZ178-
TRINITY	TXZ164-	WALLER	TXZ212-
WALKER	TXZ177-	WASHINGTON	TXZ197-
WHARTON	TXZ226-		

MARINE ZONE	UGC
HIGH ISLAND TO FREEPORT OUT 20 NM	GMZ355-
HIGH ISLAND TO FREEPORT 20 TO 50 NM	GMZ375-
FREEPORT TO MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL OUT 20 NM	GMZ350-
FREEPORT TO MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL 20 TO 50 NM	GMZ370-
GALVESTON BAY	GMZ335-
MATAGORDA BAY	GMZ330-
OUTLOOK FOR HIGH ISLAND TO MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL OUT 50 NM	GMZ390-

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE ROUTINE PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO WFO HGX. UGC COUNTY ZONE CODES ARE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING LAND PRODUCTS AND MARINE ZONE CODES ARE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING MARINE PRODUCT.

PRODUCT	NWWS ID	WMO HEADING
ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	SATZFPHGX	FPUS54 KHGX
COASTAL MARINE FORECAST	SATCWFHGX	FZUS54 KHGX

TABLE 3. THE FOLLOWING ARE NON-ROUTINE PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO WFO HGX. UGC COUNTY ZONE CODES ARE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PRODUCTS.

PRODUCT -----	NWWS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	SATFFAHGX **	WGUS64 KHGX
RIVER FLOOD WATCH	SATESFHOU	FGUS74 KHGX
WINTER WEATHER PRODUCTS	SATWSWHOU	WWUS44 KHGX
NON-PRECIPITATION PRODUCTS	SATNPWHOU	WWUS74 KHGX

TABLE 4. THE FOLLOWING IS A NEW PRODUCT THAT WILL BE ISSUED BY WFO HGX. UGC COUNTY ZONE CODES ARE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT.

PRODUCT -----	NWWS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
TIDE FORECAST	SATTIDHGX	SOUS44 KHGX

OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS THE CONVECTIVE WATCH REDEFINE STATEMENT /SATSLSTX - WWUS32 KSAT/...STATE TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION SUMMARY /SATSTPTX - ABUS21 KSAT/ AND SOUTH TEXAS STATE FORECAST /SATSFPTX - FPUS64 KEWX/ WILL REMAIN THE SAME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

BILL READ	KEN GRAHAM
METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE	PUBLIC/MARINE METEOROLOGIST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE	NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
DICKINSON TEXAS	SOUTHERN REGION HEADQUARTERS
281-377-5074	FORT WORTH TEXAS
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