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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-74 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1115 AM EDT WED OCT 7 1999

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

FROM: THERESE PIERCE
CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AMENDED: CHANGE OF PRODUCT FORMAT AND FREQUENCY OF ISSUANCE OF
STORM PREDICTION CENTER WATCH STATUS MESSAGES...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18 1999

AMENDED TO REMOVE THE POUND SIGN (#) IN FRONT OF EACH NUMERIC WATCH
NUMBER. THE EXAMPLES BELOW ARE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY. ALSO CORRECTS WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS IN EXAMPLES TO WWUS8 INSTEAD OF
WWUS08. ALL OTHER INFORMATION REMAINS THE SAME.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...OCTOBER 18 1999 AT 1100 A.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME
/CDT/...1600 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE PRODUCT FORMAT AND
ISSUANCE FREQUENCY OF THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER WATCH STATUS MESSAGES
ISSUED UNDER NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ IDENTIFIER MKCWWAMKC /FAMILY
OF SERVICES /FOS/ IDENTIFIER WWUS8/ WILL CHANGE. THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE
WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF PORTIONS OF AN ONGOING SEVERE THUNDERSTORM
OR TORNADO WATCH THAT CAN BE CLEARED. LOCAL FORECAST OFFICES...THROUGH
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENTS /PRODUCT CATEGORY SPS/...WILL CONTINUE TO
DETERMINE WHICH COUNTIES ARE OFFICIALLY CLEARED AND WHEN.

THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE WILL BE ISSUED HOURLY DURING THE LIFETIME OF EACH
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCH...BEGINNING ONE HOUR AFTER THE WATCH
IS VALID. THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE WILL NO LONGER INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF
THE METEOROLOGY INVOLVED...BUT WILL REFER TO AN ONGOING MESOSCALE
DISCUSSION /PRODUCT MKCSWOMCD/ FOR THE CORRESPONDING METEOROLOGICAL
ISSUES. THE LAST WATCH STATUS MESSAGE WILL INDICATE WHY THE DECISION WAS
MADE TO EITHER RE-ISSUE A WATCH OR ALLOW A WATCH TO EXPIRE.

EXAMPLES:

1) BASIC FORMAT OF THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE OF THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE:

MKCWWAMKC
WWUS8 KMKC 270000
MKC WWA 270000
TXZ000-ARZ000-LAZ000-270100-

STATUS REPORT ON WW 1002

SEVERE WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES TO THE RIGHT OF A LINE FROM 25 WSW TXK TO
30 ENE TXK TO 10 WNW HOT.

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2) WATCH STATUS MESSAGE WHEN NO PART OF A WATCH IS RECOMMENDED FOR CLEARANCE:

MKCWWAMKC
WWUS8 KMKC 270000
MKC WWA 270000
TXZ000-ARZ000-LAZ000-270100-

STATUS REPORT ON WW 1002

THE SEVERE THREAT CONTINUES ACROSS THE ENTIRE WATCH AREA. CONTINUE WW.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...SEE MESOSCALE DISCUSSION (SWOMCD) 147.

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3) WATCH STATUS MESSAGE - WATCH RELEVANT INFORMATION ADDED:

MKCWWAMKC
WWUS8 KMKC 270000
MKC WWA 270000
TXZ000-ARZ000-LAZ000-270100-

STATUS REPORT ON WW 1002

SEVERE WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES SOUTH OF A LINE FROM 25 WSW TXK TO 30 ENE TXK TO 10 WNW HOT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...SEE MESOSCALE DISCUSSION (SWOMCD) 147.

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4) WATCH STATUS MESSAGE - WATCH STATUS UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS UPDATE:

MKCWWAMKC
WWUS8 KMKC 270000
MKC WWA 270000
TXZ000-ARZ000-LAZ000-270100-

STATUS REPORT ON WW 1002

SEVERE WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES SOUTH OF A LINE FROM 25 WSW TXK TO 30 ENE TXK TO 10 WNW HOT.

THIS IS UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS STATUS MESSAGE.

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5) WATCH STATUS MESSAGE - WATCH NOT EXPECTED TO BE REISSUED:

MKCWWAMKC
WWUS8 KMKC 270000
MKC WWA 270000
TXZ000-ARZ000-LAZ000-270100-

STATUS REPORT ON WW 1002

SEVERE WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES EAST OF A LINE FROM 25 WSW TXK TO 30 ENE
TXK TO 10 WNW HOT.

WW 1002 WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE AT 0100Z. THE SEVERE WEATHER THREAT IS
NOT EXPECTED TO CONTINUE PAST THE EXPIRATION TIME.

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NO ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN BY CUSTOMERS TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE WATCH
STATUS MESSAGE PRODUCTS.

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

DAVID IMY	DANIEL PETERSEN
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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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