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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-01 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 245 PM EST MON JAN 7 2002

- TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS
- FROM: MARK ANDREWS CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICE BRANCH

SUBJECT: PLANNED POWER OUTAGE AT THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER SCHEDULED FROM 1100 UTC ON JANUARY 9 2002 UNTIL 1300 UTC ON JANUARY 9 2002

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE NO IMPACT ON NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS.

ON THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING...JANUARY 9 2002...THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL HAVE A PLANNED POWER OUTAGE FROM 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ UNTIL 1300 UTC.

THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND AIRMETS /SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON...MIAMI...FORT WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FA AREAS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AWC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED BACKUP PROCEDURES...CONVECTIVE SIGMETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD THAT AFWA IS PROVIDING AWC BACKUP. INFORMATION FOR AREAS OF ACTIVE THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE ISSUED AS NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMETS.

THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER/S TROPICAL SATELLITE AND ANALYSIS BRANCH WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND WEATHER WATCH OF FACA20 KKCI AND FAGX20 KKCI OVER THE OF THE NEW YORK OCEANIC FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION /FIR/...THE SAN JUAN OCEANIC FIR...THE MIAMI ATLANTIC FIR...THE MIAMI GULF OF MEXICO FIR AND THE HOUSTON OCEANIC FIR.

THE HONOLULU HAWAII FORECAST OFFICE WILL ASSUME WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGMETS FOR THE TWO OAKLAND OCEANIC FIRS THAT ARE NORMALLY UNDER THE WEATHER WATCH OF THE AWC IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

DURING THE TWO HOUR PLANNED SHUTDOWN...THERE WILL BE NO FLIGHT FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED AND THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER/S INTERNET HOMEPAGE AND THE AVIATION DIGITAL DATA SERVICE /ADDS/ WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. THE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHART PRODUCTION SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED UNLESS THE POWER OUTAGE LASTS LONGER THAN TWO HOURS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL CENTER IN BRACKNELL ENGLAND HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE SMALL POSSIBILITY THAT THE OUTAGE COULD BE LONGER. THE BRACKNELL OFFICE WOULD PROVIDE THE BACKUP FOR THE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHART IF NECESSARY.

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO ALL AWC ALPHANUMERIC PRODUCTS ON THE EVENING AND MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE POWER OUTAGE BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC PLANNED POWER OUTAGE...CONTACT:

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