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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
115 PM EST THU MAR 21 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 SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY AVIATION BACKUP TEST PLANNED: SCHEDULED FROM 2100 UTC
ON MARCH 27 2002 UNTIL 0500 UTC ON MARCH 28 2002

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

ON THURSDAY MARCH 27 2002...THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER IN KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI WILL CONDUCT ITS QUARTERLY BACKUP TEST FROM 2100 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ UNTIL 0500 UTC MARCH 28 2002. THE AIR FORCE WEATHER
AGENCY /AFWA/ AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGNIFICANT METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /SIGMETS/
AND AIRMENS METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION /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 AVIATION WEATHER
CENTER /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 DURING THIS BACKUP.

THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER'S TROPICAL SATELLITE AND ANALYSIS BRANCH
WILL ASSUME FORECAST AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND
WEATHER WATCH OF FACA20 KPCI AND FAGX20 KPCI OVER THE FLIGHT INFORMATION
REGIONS /FIR/ OF THE NEW YORK OCEANIC 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 IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN THAT ARE
NORMALLY UNDER THE WEATHER WATCH OF THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER.

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC BACKUP TEST...CONTACT:

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