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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-06 CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1000 AM EST FRI MAR 22 2002

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS

EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/

SUBSCRIBERS

OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: HUA-LU PAN

CHIEF...GLOBAL MODELING BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING CENTER

NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION

SUBJECT: CORRECTED: DISCONTINUATION OF THE NCEP OPERATIONAL MEDIUM RANGE FORECAST /MRF/ MODEL SYSTEM...EFFECTIVE APRIL 23 2002 AT 1200 UTC

CORRECTED E-MAIL FOR POINT OF CONTACT AT END OF MESSAGE.

ON APRIL 23 2002 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUE THE MEDIUM RANGE FORECAST /MRF/ RUN OF ITS GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM. AT THIS TIME...NCEP WILL START CREATING AND DISSEMINATING MRF LOOK-ALIKE GRIDDED BINARY /GRIB/ FILES FROM THE NEWLY EXTENDED 0000 UTC AVIATION /AVN/ RUN. THE MRF PRODUCTS FROM THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL MRF DATA ARE DISSEMINATED.

THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE UNDER TEST DIRECTORIES ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER. THE LOCATION OF THESE DATA ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER ARE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/MRF/PARA/

AFTER IMPLEMENTATION...THESE LOOK-ALIKE GRIB FILES WILL BE CREATED FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX TO NINE MONTHS TO ALLOW USERS OF THESE PRODUCTS TIME TO TRANSITION TO THE EXTENDED AVN RUNS.

ANOTHER TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE THE LOOK-ALIKE FILES WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE WITH THIS IMPLEMENTATION TO ANY OF THE STANDARD GLOBAL MODEL GRIDS OR PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY OF SERVICES...THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ SATELLITE BROADCAST NETWORK /SBN/...OR FROM THE NWS FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE CHANGES TO THE NCEP GLOBAL MODEL...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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