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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-13 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 110 PM EDT FRI JUL 12 2002

- TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL FORECASTS
- FROM: JOHN WARD CHIEF...PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT BRANCH

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPERCOMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING THE 1200 UTC MODEL CYCLE ON JULY 25 2002

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

ON THURSDAY JULY 25 2002...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL EXERCISE ITS BACKUP MODEL DISSEMINATION SYSTEM. THIS EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ MODEL CYCLE. DURING THIS TEST...NO NCEP MODEL GUIDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE. INSTEAD...LOOK-ALIKE PRODUCTS FROM FLEET NUMERICAL OCEANOGRAPHICAL CENTER /FNMOC/...AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...FORECAST SYSTEM LAB /FSL/ AND THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE /UKMET/ WILL BE DISSEMINATED. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS TEST /APPROXIMATELY 1800 UTC/...NCEP WILL DISSEMINATE NESTED GRID MODEL /NGM/ MODEL OUTPUT STATISTICS /MOS/ OUTPUT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE BACKUP PROCESSING AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DELIVERY TIMES CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT WHERE NOTED/:

HTTP://WWW.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/NCO/PMB/NWPROD/OSOBACKUP/NCEP BACKUP.HTML /NCO AND PMB ARE CAPITALIZED/

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE PERFORMING THIS EXERCISE ON JULY 25 2002...WE WILL ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN THE FOLLOWING WEEK ON AUGUST 1 2002.

AS ALWAYS...NCEP APPRECIATES YOUR PATIENCE DURING THESE EXERCISES...WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED FLOW OF MODEL GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTAGE AT THE NCEP SUPER COMPUTER FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NCEP SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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