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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-07
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
250 PM EST MON FEB 24 2003

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL GRAPHICS

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SUBJECT: RENAMING AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE NCEP MRF AND AVN MODELS TO THE
GFS ON THE NCEP MODEL WEBPAGES: EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2003

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

ONE YEAR AGO...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/
BEGAN AN EFFORT TO RENAME AND CONSOLIDATE THE MEDIUM RANGE FORECAST /MRF/
AND AVATION /AVN/ MODEL RUNS INTO A SINGLE SYSTEM CALLED THE GLOBAL
FORECAST SYSTEM /GFS/. THE MRF RUN WAS DISCONTINUED IN APRIL 2002 AND
FORECAST DATA FROM THE 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ AVN HAS BEEN
DISTRIBUTED IN ITS PLACE EVER SINCE.

THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS WILL OCCUR ON TUESDAY...APRIL 15 2003...WHEN
THE NCEP MODEL GRAPHICS WEBPAGE WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THIS NEW
CONFIGURATION. ON THIS DATE...THE MRF GRAPHICS AND WEBPAGES WILL BE
REMOVED AND THE AVN WEBPAGES AND GRAPHICS WILL BE RENAMED THE GFS. USERS
WHO ACCESS THESE IMAGES WITH A WEB BROWSER WILL NOT BE GREATLY IMPACTED BY
THIS CHANGE. USERS WHO ACCESS THESE IMAGES DIRECTLY...WITHOUT A WEB
BROWSER...WILL HAVE TO MODIFY THEIR SCRIPTS TO POINT TO THE RENAMED
DIRECTORIES AND IMAGES.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DIRECTORY AND FILENAME STRUCTURE
WILL CHANGE...NOTE: ALL HTML REFERENCES ARE IN LOWER CASE:

OLD:
[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/NWPROD/ANALYSIS/NAMER/AVN/12/IMAGES/AVN S
LP 120L.GIF](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/avn/12/images/avn_s
lp_120l.gif)

NEW:
[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/NWPROD/ANALYSIS/NAMER/GFS/12/IMAGES/GFS S
LP 120L.GIF](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/gfs/12/images/gfs_s
lp_120l.gif)

ON MARCH 11 2003...WE WILL CREATE LINKS TO THESE NEW DIRECTORIES AND IMAGE
FILENAMES TO ALLOW USERS WHO DO NOT ACCESS THESE VIA A WEB BROWSER
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO MODIFY THEIR PROCESSING BEFORE THE OLD NAMING
CONVENTION IS REMOVED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT THE ETA OR NESTED GRID MODEL
/NGM/ WEB PAGES AND IMAGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CHANGE TO THE NCEP MODEL
WEBPAGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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