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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-09
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
305 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

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: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FROM 2100
UTC ON MARCH 12 2003 UNTIL 0500 UTC ON MARCH 13 2003

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CHANGE HAS NO IMPACT ON NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
SUBSCRIBERS.

THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 2003...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACKUP TEST...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 AREA FORECAST /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 THE BACKUP TEST...A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN
KANSAS CITY WILL BE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE AFWA FORECASTER. AWC
WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME FORECASTING SERVICES OR INTERVENE ANYTIME DURING
THE TEST IF NECESSARY. DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE FAS WILL BE PREPARED
AND TRANSMITTED BY THE FORECASTER ON DUTY AT AWC.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE:

AIRMET S: WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS: WAUS1 <KBOS
KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET T: WMO HEADINGS: WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET Z: WMO HEADINGS: WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI>
NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET: WMO HEADINGS: WSUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND
KSFO>

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE AREA FORECASTS ISSUED ON THE
MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST BEGINS.

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

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