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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-16 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
140 PM EST WED MAR 26 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: CORRECTED: QUARTERLY SUPER COMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED DURING
FOR THE 1300 AND 1400 UTC RUC MODEL CYCLES ON APRIL 2 2003

CORRECTED TO ADD TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ REFERENCE NUMBER
/03-16/ IN MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR BLOCK ABOVE.

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

BARING CRITICAL WEATHER...ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 2003...THE NATIONAL CENTERS
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ CENTRAL OPERATIONS /NCO/ WILL TEST ITS
BACKUP MODEL DATA DISSEMINATION SYSTEM. FOR THIS TEST...THE NCO WILL
DISSEMINATE BACKUP RAPID UPDATE CYCLE /RUC/ PRODUCTS FROM THE FORECAST
SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ DURING THE 13 AND 14 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/ MODEL CYCLES. THESE PRODUCTS...WHICH WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO THE
ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS//NOAAPORT AND BOTH
THE NCEP AND NWS FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVERS...WILL LOOK EXACTLY
LIKE THE NCEP RUC PRODUCTS. DELAYED DELIVERY TIMES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE
THE ONLY IMPACT END USERS SHOULD OBSERVE. AVERAGE DELIVERY TIMES FOR
THESE RUNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

13 UTC BACKUP RUC -- PRODUCTS AVAILABLE BY 14:25 UTC
14 UTC BACKUP RUC -- PRODUCTS AVAILABLE BY 15:25 UTC

THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 35 MINUTES LATER THAN THE NCEP VERSION OF THE RUC.

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

[HTTP://WWW.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/NCO/PMB/NWPROD/OSOBACKUP/NCEP_BACKUP.HTML](http://www.ncep.noaa.gov/nco/pmb/nwprod/osobackup/ncep_backup.html)

DURING THIS TEST...WE WILL MAKE LOOK-ALIKE NCEP RUC GRIDS AVAILABLE AT THE
NWS FTP SERVER. ON THE DAY OF THE TEST...THESE PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE SAME DIRECTORIES THAT THE RUC MODEL DATA NORMALLY RESIDE. THIS SERVER
IS LOCATED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.OPNL/](ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/sl.us008001/st.opnl/)

ADDITIONALLY...BACKUP DATA SETS /FROM THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/....THE FLEET NUMERICAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER /FNMOC/ AND NOAA/FORECAST SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ IN THEIR NATIVE FORMAT CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://FTPFRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF_BACKUP/](ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf_backup/)

THESE DATA ARE AVAILABLE ALL THE TIME ON THIS SERVER.

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 OUR SUPERCOMPUTER 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](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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