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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-46  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
515 PM EST THU NOV 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  
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SUBJECT: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FROM 2000  
UTC ON NOVEMBER 19 2003 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON NOVEMBER 20 2003

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

ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19 2003 AT 2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...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 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  
COORDINATE 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 FA 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/ HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA  
KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>  
AIRMET T: WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>  
AIRMET Z: WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI>  
NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET: WMO HEADING 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 OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE AWC BACKUP TEST...CONTACT:

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