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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 04-07 CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 245 PM EST THU FEB 5 2004

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES

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OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP ETA MODEL FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: CHANGES TO THE PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE NCEP ETA MODEL FORECASTS: EFFECTIVE 1200 UTC APRIL 20 2004

CORRECTED URL FOR TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES AT THE VERY END OF THIS NOTICE.

ON TUESDAY APRIL 20 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL CHANGE THE PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE ETA MODEL FORECASTS. ON THIS DATE...THE ETA MODEL FORECASTS WILL BE RUN IN A NEW CONFIGURATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE 0-84 HOUR FORECAST SEGMENT TO BE RUN IN THE CURRENT 0-60 HOUR TIME SLOT. THIS CHANGE WILL BE PERMANENT AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPACT ON PRODUCT DELIVERY TIMES:

- 24 HOUR PRODUCTS: 5-10 MINUTES EARLIER
- 36 HOUR PRODUCTS: 10-15 MINUTES EARLIER
- 48 HOUR PRODUCTS: 15-20 MINUTES EARLIER
- 60 HOUR PRODUCTS: 20-25 MINUTES EARLIER
- 84 HOUR PRODUCTS: 35-40 MINUTES EARLIER

MORE PRECISE DELIVERY TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ANOTHER STATEMENT ONCE TESTING OF THIS CHANGE HAS COMPLETED.

WITH THIS CHANGE...THE FORECAST PERIOD OF THE ETA BUFR SOUNDING DATA WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM 60 HOURS TO 84 HOURS. EXAMPLE DATA WITH THESE EXTENDED FORECAST HOURS CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/EMC/MMB/MMBPLL/BUFR

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONCERNING EITHER THE CHANGE IN PRODUCT DELIVERY SCHEDULE OR THE CHANGE TO THE ETA BUFR SOUNDINGS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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