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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 04-19
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
945 AM EDT THU APR 29 2004

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

NWS...OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FROM 2000 UTC ON MAY 12 2004 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON MAY 13 2004

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

ON WEDNESDAY MAY 12 2004...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/ REGIONS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/.

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 AREA FORECASTS /FA/ AND CONVECTIVE SIGMETS /WST/ WILL CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED BY FORECASTERS ON DUTY AT AWC.

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 KSFO>
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 CONCERNING THE AWC BACKUP TEST...CONTACT:

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