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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 04-26
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
200 PM EDT TUE JUN 15 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: RENAMING OF THE NCEP AVN MODEL OUTPUT TO GFS ON THE NCEP AND NWS
FTP SERVERS

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THIS NOTICE FALLS OUTSIDE THE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
OF NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805...IT IS BEING TRANSMITTED AS A COURTESY.

ON APRIL 24 2002...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION
/NCEP/ AVIATION /AVN/ MODEL WAS RENAMED TO THE GLOBAL FORECAST SYSTEM
/GFS/ 2 MODEL. AT THIS TIME...THE NAME AVN IS STILL USED ON OPERATIONAL
NWS FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVERS TO DESCRIBE GFS MODEL DATA SETS.
DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS...NCEP WILL WORK ON A PROJECT TO RELABEL ALL
NCEP AVN OUTPUT TO GFS ON OFFICIAL NWS EXTERNAL FTP SERVERS.

THIS PROJECT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO STAGES. FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF
THIS PROJECT...THE FTP SERVERS WILL BE POPULATED WITH DATA THAT HAS THE
GFS NAME. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY JUNE 15 2004. THE SECOND PHASE OF
THIS PROJECT WILL REMOVE ALL AVN NAMED PRODUCTS...LEAVING ONLY THE GFS
NAMED PRODUCTS BEHIND. THIS SECOND PHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED NO EARLIER
THAN JANUARY 1 2005. THE EXACT DATE OF THIS CHANGE WILL BE PUBLISHED AS
SOON AS IT IS KNOWN.

USERS SHOULD BEGIN TO MIGRATE THEIR PROCESSING TO POINT TO THE GFS NAMED
DATA SETS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A
TRANSPARENT CHANGE TO OCCUR WHEN THE AVN NAMED DATA SETS ARE REMOVED.

THIS CHANGE AFFECTS THE DATA ON THE FOLLOWING TWO SERVERS: THE OFFICIAL
NWS SERVER AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/](ftp://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/)

AND THE NCEP FTP SERVER AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://FTPFRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/](ftp://FTPFRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/)

SPECIFIC DETAILS ON THE PRODUCTS AND DATA FILES CHANGING NAMES CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/CHANGES/AVN-GFS_RENAME.HTML](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/avn-gfs_rename.html)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS MODEL NAME CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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