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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 07-16 CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 240 PM EST THU MAR 8 2007

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: FY 2007 SCHEDULE OF RADIOSONDE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM /RRS/ IMPLEMENTATION WITH TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS OF RADIOTHEODOLITE TRACKING /ART/ AND RADIO DIRECTION FINDING RADIOSONDES

CORRECTED TO CHANGE SID NUMBER FOR TUCSON ARIZONA FROM 74389 TO 72274.

THIS FISCAL YEAR...NWS WILL TERMINATE UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS FROM RADIO DIRECTION FINDING RADIOSONDES AND AUTOMATED RADIOTHEODOLITE TRACKING AT 13 SITES LISTED BELOW ON OR ABOUT THE DATES INDICATED:

ION NAME	OUTAGE DATE
A BAY FL	MARCH 12 2007
IINGTON OH	MARCH 26 2007
II FL	APRIL 23 2007
VILLE TN	MAY 7 2007
ON AZ	MAY 22 2007
NV	JUNE 4 2007
M OR	JUNE 18 2007
GOW MT	JULY 2 2007
OLN IL	JULY 16 2007
NGFIELD MO	JULY 30 2007
ORD MI	AUGUST 13 2007
H PLATTE NE	AUGUST 28 2007
EY NE	SEPTEMBER 8 2007
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NWS UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS WILL RESUME APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS LATER. NWS WILL USE THE RRS WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM /GPS/ RADIOSONDES. EACH OF THESE SITES WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS. WHEN RESTORED...PARTS OF THE UPPER AIR CODED MESSAGES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER.

NWS HAS COORDINATED WITH ITS PARTNERS ON THE LONGER LENGTH OF THESE MESSAGES.

THE FORMAT OF THE MESSAGES WILL BE THE SAME WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ FORMAT FOR CODED UPPER AIR MESSAGES IN USE WITH THE MICROART LEGACY SYSTEM. THE NUMBER OF LEVELS IN THE CODED MESSAGES WILL BE TWO TO THREE TIMES GREATER FOR THE TTBB AND TTDD. AS A RESULT...TWO CATEGORIES OF AWIPS TEXT PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE IN SIZE: SGL AND ABV. THE NUMBER OF LEVELS IN THE TTAA...TTCC...PPBB AND PPDD PARTS WILL BE RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. THESE CHANGES REFLECT UPDATED CODING PRACTICES AND HIGHER RESOLUTION LEVEL SELECTION CRITERIA. THE MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITS OF THE PARTS OF THE CODED MESSAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TTAA: 15 LEVELS TTCC: 10 LEVELS TTBB: 135 LEVELS TTDD: 40 LEVELS PPBB: 40 LEVELS PPDD: 40 LEVELS

IN ADDITION...THE 31313 MESSAGE INDICATOR ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS PARTS OF THE MESSAGE WILL BE INCLUDED WITH EACH PART OF THE THERMODYNAMIC MESSAGE PARTS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MESSAGE REQUIREMENTS...REFERENCE WMO 306...MANUAL ON CODES...INTERNATIONAL CODES...VOLUME 1.1 PART A-ALPHANUMERIC CODES...AND WMO 306...MANUAL ON CODES...REGIONAL CODES AND NATIONAL CODING PRACTICES...VOLUME II. USERS CAN FIND INFORMATION ON THE LEVELS SELECTION CRITERIA USED IN NWS CODING SOFTWARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.UA.NWS.NOAA.GOV

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