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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-04 AMENDED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1040 AM EST THU FEB 21 2008

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SUBJECT: AMENDED: NOAA WAVE WATCH III MODEL GLOBAL GRIB OUTPUT

MODIFICATION: EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26 2008

AMENDED TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION FROM FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 26 2008.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26 2008...WITH THE 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ RUN...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL MODIFY THE GLOBAL OUTPUT GRIDDED BINARY VERSION TWO /GRIB2/ FILE FROM THE NOAA WAVE WATCH III /NWW3/ MODEL.

SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL CHANGES:

- THE DOMAIN OF THE GRID IS BEING EXTENDED FROM 78 N TO 90 N. FOR NOW...THE DATA IN THE ADDITIONAL GRID POINTS WILL BE MARKED AS UNDEFINED. THE GRID POINTS WILL BE POPULATED WITH DATA AT A LATER NWW3 UPGRADE.

DATAFLOW CHANGES:

- THE GRIB2 FILE WHICH WILL BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED RESIDES ON THE NCEP FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVER AT THE ADDRESS BELOW /USE LOWER CASE/:

FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/WAVE/PROD/WAVE.YYYYMMDD/MULTI 1.GLO 30M.TCCZ.GRIB2

NOAAPORT CUSTOMERS DO NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVE THIS DATA SET...HENCE...NO IMPACT IS EXPECTED TO DATA WHICH IS RECEIVED BY NOAAPORT CUSTOMERS.

DISCLAIMER: NCEP WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL USERS TO ENSURE THEIR DECODERS ARE FLEXIBLE AND ARE ABLE TO ADEQUATELY HANDLE CHANGES IN CONTENT ORDER...PARAMETER FIELDS CHANGING ORDER...CHANGES IN THE SCALING FACTOR COMPONENT WITHIN THE PRODUCT DEFINITION SECTION /PDS/ OF THE GRIB FILES AND ALSO ANY VOLUME CHANGES WHICH MAY BE FORTHCOMING. THESE ELEMENTS MAY CHANGE WITH FUTURE NCEP MODEL IMPLEMENTATIONS. NCEP WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ALERT USERS TO THESE CHANGES PRIOR TO ANY IMPLEMENTATIONS.

PARALLEL DATA SETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NCEP FTP SERVER AT THE LINK BELOW. NCEP ENCOURAGES ALL USERS TO EVALUATE THESE DATA SETS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SYSTEMS ARE PREPARED FOR THE UPCOMING CHANGE /USE LOWER CASE/:

FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/WAVE/PARA

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING CENTER /EMC/ HAS A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE WEBSITE WHICH CAN PROVIDE USERS MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL NCEP MODELING SYSTEMS /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.EMC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV

SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW WAVE MODEL IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE FOUND AT THE LINK BELOW /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://POLAR.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/NEW.WAVES/WELCOME.HTML

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SCIENTIFIC CHANGES WITHIN THE MODELING SYSTEM...PLEASE CONTACT:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DATAFLOW ASPECTS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION...PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE NCEP/NCO/PMB DATAFLOW HELPDESK:

NCEP.PMB.DATAFLOW@NOAA.GOV

NATIONAL TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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