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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-19
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EST FRI MAR 7 2008

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT TEST
DATE SCHEDULED: MARCH 26 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15.](#)

A MONTHLY TEST TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST /TAF/ WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
USERS TO CHECK AND EVALUATE THEIR ABILITY TO DECODE THE NEW DATE AND TIME
FORMAT. GENERALLY...TEST TAF PRODUCTS WITH THE 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT WILL BE
PRODUCED THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER 2008 AT 1400
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/.

REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF WILL BE PROVIDED THREE DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED
TEST DAY. IF CRITICAL WEATHER OCCURS ON THE TEST DAY...THE TEST WILL BE
POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT NON-CRITICAL WEATHER DAY.

A LINK TO THE TAF TESTBED AND TAF FORMAT EXAMPLES IS AVAILABLE AT /USE
LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/AVIATION/TAF TESTBED.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml)

THE 30-HOUR TEST TAF FOR MARCH SHOULD LOOK LIKE THE FOLLOWING TAF:

FTUS90 KWBC 061754
TAF KABC 261128Z 2612/2718 14005KT P6SM SCT025 OVC040
TEMPO 2612/2616 OVC025
FM261600 13015G23KT P6SM OVC015
FM262100 13015G22KT P6SM OVC008
TEMPO 2621/2701 1SM -SN
FM270100 09015KT 3SM BR OVC006
TEMPO 2701/2705 2SM -SN BLSN
FM271500 01015KT 5SM BR OVC006=

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION
NOTICE...PLEASE REFER TO [SCN 08-15](#)...OR CONTACT:

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