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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-38  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
155 PM EDT TUE APR 29 2008

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

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST /TAF/ SERVICE FOR  
THE CASTLE/MERCER CALIFORNIA AIRPORT /KMER/: EFFECTIVE JULY 25 2008

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 25 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS  
OFFICE IN HANFORD CALIFORNIA WILL BEGIN TAF SERVICE FOR THE CASTLE AIRPORT  
/KMER/ IN MERCED CALIFORNIA. ROUTINE AND UPDATED TAFS WILL BE ISSUED FOR  
THIS AIRPORT 24 HOURS A DAY.

NWS PERSONNEL WILL NEED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIER TO THEIR  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE THE NEW TAF:

AIRPORT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
CASTLE	FTUS46 KHNX	TAFMER

IN ADDITION...THE NEW TAF WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING TAF COLLECTIVES  
BELOW WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/  
PERSONNEL AND OTHER EXTERNAL USERS:

WMO HEADINGS	AVAILABLE TO THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMERS:
FTUS80 KWBC	NON-FAA DOMESTIC AND FAMILY OF SERVICES
FTUS90 KWBC	FAA WEATHER MESSAGE SWITCHING CENTER AND FAA FACILITIES
FTUS52 KWBC	GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM CUSTOMERS

HOLDERS OF NWS PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTION 10-813 /TERMINAL AERODROME  
FORECASTS/ SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONS TO THE APPENDICES. ALSO AS A  
REMINDER...ON NOVEMBER 5 2008...THE TAF FORMAT WILL CHANGE TO A 30-HOUR  
FORMAT FOR ALL TAFS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHANGE TO THE 30-HOUR  
TAF FORMAT...PLEASE REFER TO NWS [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-15](#).

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TAF ADDITION...CONTACT:

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