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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-49  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
225 PM EDT THU JUL 24 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: JULY 30 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15](#) AND [TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 08-37](#).

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

NWS WILL PROVIDE REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF 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. THE NEXT MONTHLY TEST WILL OCCUR JULY 30 2008.

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 JULY SHOULD LOOK AS FOLLOWS:

FTXX90 KWBC 301400  
KABC 301400 3014/3118 0000KT 3SM BR SCT060 BKN150  
FM301430 23006KT P6SM SCT040 BKN200  
FM301800 25005KT P6SM VCTS SCT040CB  
TEMPO 3020/3024 2SM TSRA BR BKN040CB  
FM310000 VRB03KT P6SM BKN050 BKN200  
FM310600 VRB03KT 3SM BR SCT250  
FM311300 23006KT P6SM SKC  
FM311600 34008KT P6SM BKN020=

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO SEE THIS TAF.

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

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