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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-73
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1000 AM EDT THU SEP 11 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: WEEKLY TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT
TEST: ADDITIONAL TESTS AVAILABLE TUESDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS

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

NWS WILL BE CONDUCTING TESTING TO ENSURE THAT TERMINAL AERODROME FORECASTS /TAFS/ ISSUED BY THE NWS WILL BE RECEIVED AND READABLE BY ALL USERS. THE FREQUENCY OF THESE TESTS WILL INCREASE. USUALLY...THE TESTS WILL OCCUR EACH TUESDAY...WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. THE NEXT SCHEDULED TEST DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16 2008.

IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTINE TESTING...SOME TESTS MAY BE TRANSMITTED AT OTHER TIMES AS CHALLENGES ARE DETECTED AND OVERCOME. ALL TESTING WILL USE THE SPECIAL WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FTXX90 KWBC TO DISTINGUISH THE TEST TAFS FROM OPERATIONAL ONES. IN ADDITION...SOME OTHER NATIONS ARE ALSO USING THE FTXX90 CCCC /WHERE CCCC IDENTIFIES THE NATION/. FOR EXAMPLE...THE UNITED KINGDOM IS SENDING 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT TESTS UNDER FTXX90 EGGR.

THE NWS TEST TAFS TRANSMITTED INSIDE THE FTXX90 KWBC BULLETIN WILL USE THE FOLLOWING FICTIONAL LOCATIONS:

FOR CONTIGUOUS U.S. /CONUS/:

KABC
KBCD
KEFG
KHIJ
KIKJ
KKLM

FOR ALASKA:

PAAB
PAEF

FOR PACIFIC:

PHBC
PGAB
PKAB

PTAB

FOR CARIBBEAN:

TJAA
TIAE
TNAB
TKAB

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)

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO RECEIVE AVAILABLE
TEST TAFS.

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

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