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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 99-02 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 930 AM EST WED FEB 3 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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CHIEF...SCIENCE AND TRAINING CORE

SUBJECT: Y2K UPGRADE AND PRODUCT DELIVERY FOR THE C90 COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEM AT THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9 1999

NCEP WILL BE MAKING THE C90 OPERATING SYSTEM YEAR 2000 /Y2K/ COMPLIANT DURING FEBRUARY 1999. THE WORK WILL REQUIRE A SERIES OF THREE-HOUR OUTAGES STARTING AT 430 AM EST /0930 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC//. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE ONLY FORECAST RUNS THAT WILL BE LOST ARE THE 1000 UTC AND 1100 UTC HOURLY RAPID UPDATE CYCLE /RUC/.

A PORTION OF THE ENSEMBLE RUNS WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE C90 IS BROUGHT BACK ONLINE...BUT THOSE RUNS WILL BE COMPLETED. THE ONLY OTHER IMPACT WE ANTICIPATE IS A POSSIBLE DELAY OF ABOUT 15 MINUTES IN THE 1200 UTC RUC.

THE SCHEDULED DATES FOR THE THREE-HOUR OUTAGES ARE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9...THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 AND MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 1999. IF THE WORK IS NOT COMPLETED BY THE 22ND...IT WILL CONTINUE ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24.

CUSTOMERS NEEDING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT JOHN WARD AT 301-457-5025 EXT. 169.

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