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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-39
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EDT TUE JUL 31 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS FORECAST TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE NWS
OFFICE IN WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14 2001

...COASTAL WATERS EXTENDED FORECAST UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ CODE
NO LONGER NECESSARY...

BEGINNING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2001 AT 330 AM EDT.../0730 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC//...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICE /WFO/ WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING DETAILED COASTAL WATERS
FORECASTS /CWF/ OUT TO FIVE DAYS. CURRENTLY...THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST
PROVIDES DETAILED MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS OUT TO TWO DAYS...WITH A
GENERAL OUTLOOK COVERING DAYS THREE TO FIVE.

RECENT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY HAVE LED TO MORE RELIABLE COMPUTER MODELS
AND IMPROVED LONG AND SHORT RANGE MARINE FORECASTS. THE ISSUANCE OF THE
FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS WILL PROVIDE BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE TO
THE MARINE COMMUNITY.

WEATHER INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE FIVE-DAY COASTAL WATERS FORECAST WILL
HAVE A FORMAT SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT TWO-DAY MARINE FORECAST. THE
SYNOPSIS AND OUTLOOK WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE COMPLETE SYNOPSIS WHICH
COVERS THE ENTIRE FIVE-DAY PERIOD.

THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT THAT WILL BE AFFECTED ARE:

NWS OFFICE	WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID	PIL
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WAKEFIELD VA	FZUS51 KAKQ	CWFAKQ	WBCCWFAKQ

IN ADDITION...THE EXTENDED FORECAST UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ FOR
THIS COASTAL WATERS FORECAST WILL BECOME OBSOLETE...AS THE EXTENDED
FORECAST WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE 5-DAY MARINE FORECAST. IF YOU ARE
AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES...TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REMOVE THE OLD
UGCS FROM YOUR SYSTEM.

THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS UGC CHANGE ARE:

NWS OFFICE/PIL/ WMO HEADER/ AWIPS ID -----	OLD OUTLOOK UGC -----	OLD OUTLOOK DESCRIPTOR -----
WAKEFIELD VA/ WBCCWFAKQ/ FZUS51 KAKQ/ CWFAKQ	ANZ699	OUTLOOK FOR FENWICK ISLAND DE TO CURRITUCK BEACH LIGHT OUT 20 NM INCLUDING SOUTH CHESAPEAKE BAY AND CURRITUCK SOUND

IF YOU ALREADY RECEIVE THESE PRODUCTS...THE ONLY CHANGES NEEDED TO YOUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ARE THOSE RELATED TO THE EXTENDED FORECAST UGC NOTED ABOVE. NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE CUSTOMERS...FAMILY OF SERVICES CUSTOMERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK CUSTOMERS... AND INTERNET USERS [/WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/MARINE/FORECAST.HTM/](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/MARINE/FORECAST.HTM/) WILL NOT NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES.

TO REPEAT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA WILL BEGIN ISSUING DETAILED COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS /CWF/ OUT TO FIVE DAYS ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2001.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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...NOTES TO INTERNET USERS...

FOR THE COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS AND OTHER MARINE WEATHER INFORMATION...GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/forecast.htm>

NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATIONS/ARCHIVE](https://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATIONS/ARCHIVE)

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