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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-59...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
530 PM EST FRI JAN 31 2003

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

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SUBJECT: UPDATED: IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDIZED NWS FORMATS AND CODES FOR
PLAIN LANGUAGE PRODUCTS

UPDATED TO INFORM USERS THAT NECESSARY SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE
COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 12 2003 AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

REFERENCES:

1. [CORRECTED SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 02-59](#) ISSUED DECEMBER 2 2002.
2. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1701...TITLED TEXT
PRODUCT FORMATS AND CODES.

MOST PUBLIC PLAIN LANGUAGE PRODUCTS ISSUED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
/NWS/ OFFICES CONFORM AT THIS TIME TO THE FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS DESCRIBED
IN NWSI 10-1701. HOWEVER...DEVELOPMENT...TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOME
NATIONAL BASELINE AND NATIONAL CENTER SOFTWARE WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY
FEBRUARY 12 2003. THE RESULT IS A SMALL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS ISSUED BY SOME
NWS OFFICES AND NATIONAL CENTERS WILL NOT FULLY CONFORM TO NWSI 10-1701 BY
THE FEBRUARY 12 2003 EFFECTIVE DATE.

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF IMPACTED PRODUCTS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY WITH THE
DATES THOSE PRODUCTS WILL CONFORM TO NWSI 10-1701. WE PLAN TO SEND THAT
INFORMATION IN AN UPDATE TO THIS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE BY MARCH 15.
PRODUCT CATEGORIES IDENTIFIED TO DATE ON THIS LIST INCLUDE:

LOCAL OFFICE PRODUCTS:

CLI - CLIMATOLOGICAL REPORT /DAILY/
CLM - CLIMATOLOGICAL REPORT /LONGER TERM/
RER - RECORD EVENT REPORT
RWF - FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING
ICE - GREAT LAKES ICE OUTLOOK
HWO - HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK
LSR - LOCAL STORM REPORT
NPW - NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY
SPS - SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

WSW - WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY
FFA - FLOOD WATCH
FFW - FLASH FLOOD WARNING
FFS - FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT
FLW - FLOOD WARNING
FLS - FLOOD STATEMENT

NATIONAL CENTER PRODUCTS:

MCD - MESOSCALE CONVECTIVE DISCUSSION
PWO - PUBLIC SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK
SEL - TORNADO/SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH
TPT - TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION TABLE

MOST OF THE LISTED PRODUCTS WILL LACK ONLY THE DOUBLE DOLLAR CODE /\$\$/
DESCRIBED BELOW.

NWSI 10-1701 IS A NEW COMPREHENSIVE REFERENCE FOR PLAIN LANGUAGE TEXT
PRODUCT FORMATS TO SPECIFY RULES FOR FORMATS AND CODES APPLICABLE TO TEXT
PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR PUBLIC /NON-TECHNICAL/ AUDIENCES. NWS OFFICES AND
NATIONAL CENTERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CHANGE...AT A DATE AND TIME THEY
DETERMINE BETWEEN NOW AND THE NWS INSTRUCTION EFFECTIVE DATE...PRODUCT
FORMATS TO CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS IN NWSI 10-1701. THE MOST COMMON
CHANGES TO PRODUCT FORMATS INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF BLANK LINES IN
SPECIFIED LOCATIONS AND THE ADDITION OF THE DOUBLE DOLLAR CODE /\$\$/ TO
PRODUCTS WITHOUT SEGMENTS OR WITHOUT THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/.
OTHER CHANGES WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE [CORRECTED SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-59](#).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT NWSI 10-1701 OR THE TEXT PRODUCT FORMAT
AND CODE CHANGES...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NWSI 10-1701 IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES

CLICK ON 10-OPERATIONS AND SERVICES...AND THEN SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK ON
10-1701 /TEXT PRODUCT FORMATS AND CODES/.

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

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

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