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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-05
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
210 PM EST TUE FEB 10 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ENHANCEMENTS TO THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGES FROM THE STORM
PREDICTION CENTER...EFFECTIVE APRIL 20 2004

ON TUESDAY...APRIL 20 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE
STORM PREDICTION CENTER /SPC/ WILL BEGIN ADDING ENHANCED INFORMATION TO
THE SPC WATCH STATUS MESSAGE /WWA/. THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AT
THE END OF THE CURRENT PRODUCT...FOLLOWING A DOUBLE AMPERSAND /&&/. THE
ADDED INFORMATION CONSISTS OF UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ AND
COUNTY...PARISH AND INDEPENDENT-CITY NAMES FOR AREAS WHERE THE SEVERE
WEATHER THREAT CONTINUES. THE FORMAT OF THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS
SIMILAR TO THE FORMAT OF THE SPC WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE /WOU/ MESSAGE.

THE ENHANCED INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WATCH STATUS MESSAGE IS A
MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS TO THE RIGHT OF THE
STATUS LINE LOCATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRODUCT.

FOR REFERENCE...THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER OF THE
STATUS PRODUCT IS WOUS20 KWNS.

TWO EXAMPLES OF AN OPERATIONAL WATCH STATUS WITH THE ADDITIONAL UGC AND
COUNTY INFORMATION MAY BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING SITE /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/. THE FIRST IS A WATCH STATUS MESSAGE AND THE SECOND IS A
FINAL/CLOSEOUT WATCH STATUS MESSAGE FOR A PARTICULAR WATCH.

[HTTP://WEATHER.GOV/OS/WATCH/WATCHSTATUSSCN04EXAMPLES.PDF](http://weather.gov/os/watch/watchstatusscn04examples.pdf)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THIS PRODUCT...PLEASE
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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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