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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-56
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
145 PM EST FRI NOV 23 2004

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

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CHIEF...HYDROLOGIC SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-51](#)...DELAY IN VTEC FOR
HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS

REFERENCE: [SCN 04-40 /AMENDED/ TRANSMITTED OCTOBER 29 2004](#)
[SCN 04-45 /AMENDED/ TRANSMITTED NOVEMBER 5 2004](#)
[SCN 04-51 /CORRECTED/ TRANSMITTED AUGUST 18 2004](#)

FOLLOWING UP [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 04-51](#)...IMPLEMENTATION OF VALID
TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ AND NEW FORMATS WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL FALL 2005 FOR
THE FOLLOWING HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS:

FLOOD WATCH /FFA/
FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST POINTS /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP FLOOD WARNING FOR FORECAST POINTS /FLS/
AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLS/ FLOOD STATEMENT -
ADVISORIES /FLS/

HOWEVER...AS STATED IN [SCN 04-40 /AMENDED/](#)...FLASH FLOOD STATEMENTS WILL
BE SEGMENTED STARTING DECEMBER 8 2004 DURING APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP
SITUATIONS FOR MULTIPLE COUNTY FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS. IMPLEMENTATION OF
VTEC WILL ALSO BE DELAYED UNTIL FALL 2005 FOR THE FOLLOWING HYDROLOGIC
PRODUCTS:

FLASH FLOOD WARNING /FFW/
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT /FFS/

IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS IS BEING DELAYED TO
IMPLEMENT NEW FEATURES THAT WILL BENEFIT CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS AND TO
ENSURE PRODUCTS ARE ISSUED IN NATIONALLY CONSISTENT FORMATS. THE LATEST
VERSIONS OF DIRECTIVES ON NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...NWS INSTRUCTION 10-922
AND NWS MANUAL 10-923...WILL CONTINUE TO BE POSTED ON THE NATIONAL
DIRECTIVES SYSTEM WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/010/010.HTM](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/010/010.HTM)

ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED WHEN A DATE HAS BEEN SPECIFIED FOR THE START OF AN OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION /OT&E/ FOR HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS AT SELECTED NWS OFFICES...AND WHEN A DATE HAS BEEN DETERMINED FOR NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FORMATS AND VTEC IN HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS. CURRENTLY...THE OT&E FOR HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS IS SLATED FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2005 AND NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION IS SLATED FOR FALL 2005.

THE LATEST INFORMATION ON VTEC CAN BE FOUND AT THE VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/VTEC](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/vtec)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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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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