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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-23
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
920 AM EDT TUE JUN 20 2006

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE
/WFO/ FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS: EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18 2006

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 06-10](#): TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 14 2006.

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...PENDING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED RISK
REDUCTION ACTIVITY AND A SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
/OTE/...VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE
FOLLOWING WFO PRODUCTS:

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

AS DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES...THESE PRODUCTS WILL
UNDERGO SEVERAL CHANGES. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

1. A BULLETED...ONE FORECAST POINT PER SEGMENT FORMAT WILL BE USED...WITH
EACH SEGMENT ENDING WITH A DOUBLE DOLLAR SIGN.
2. EACH SEGMENT WILL HAVE ITS OWN UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE/S/
/UGC/S/ LISTED WITH THE ASSOCIATED FORECAST POINT. THE SAME UGC COULD
OCCUR IN MULTIPLE SEGMENTS IF A COUNTY HAS MORE THAN ONE FORECAST POINT.
3. EACH SEGMENT WILL HAVE ITS OWN VTEC FOLLOWING THE UGC.

EXAMPLES OF HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS WITH THE NEW FORMATS AND VTEC CAN BE FOUND
IN THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS MANUAL 10-923...WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE
UNTIL JULY 11 2006 AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009023PEND.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009023pend.pdf)

ON JULY 11 2006...THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS MANUAL 10-923 WILL BECOME OFFICIAL AND THEN ITS URL WILL BE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009023CURR.PDF](https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009023curr.pdf)

PROCEDURES ON THE CONTENT...FORMAT...AND APPLICATION OF VTEC IN HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE PENDING VERSION OF NWS INSTRUCTION 10-922...WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE UNTIL JULY 11 2006 AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009022PEND.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01009022pend.pdf)

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

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec)

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON HYDROLOGIC VTEC...INCLUDING SOME NEW TRAINING MATERIALS FOR USERS OF NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS...NWS LOCATION IDENTIFIER INFORMATION...AND SCHEDULES FOR RISK REDUCTION...OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION /OTE/...AND OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO_VTEC.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec/hydro_vtec.shtml)

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

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