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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-13  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
800 AM EDT FRI MAR 16 2007

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: NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE  
/VTEC/ IN FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS: EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2007

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 06-10](#)...TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 14 2006  
AND [SCN 06-23](#)...TRANSMITTED JUNE 20 2006.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2007 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...ALL NWS  
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL BE INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN  
THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS. THE AFFECTED FLOOD PRODUCTS ARE  
THE FOLLOWING:

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

AS CITED IN [SCN 06-10](#)...NUMEROUS WFOS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUING THESE  
PRODUCTS WITH EXPERIMENTAL HYDROLOGIC VTEC SINCE APRIL 2006 AS PART OF A  
RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY. BY THE END OF THIS RISK REDUCTION ACTIVITY...40  
WFOS WERE INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST  
POINTS AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. ON JUNE 5 2007...ALL 122 WFOS WILL BE  
INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN THEIR FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS.  
THIS MEANS 82 ADDITIONAL WFOS WILL START INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VTEC IN  
THESE PRODUCTS ON THAT DATE. NOTE: EXPERIMENTAL VTEC FOLLOWS ALL VTEC  
STANDARDS...BUT USES THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE.

ON TUESDAY JULY 17 2007...VTEC WILL BECOME OFFICIALLY OPERATIONAL IN FLOOD  
PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS FROM ALL 122 WFOS. THE ONLY CHANGE TAKING  
PLACE ON THIS DATE WILL BE A SWITCH FROM USING THE EXPERIMENTAL /X/  
PRODUCT CLASS CODE TO THE OPERATIONAL /O/ PRODUCT CLASS CODE. THESE DATES  
FOR NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN FLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FORECAST POINTS  
ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LATER THAN THE FALL 2006 DATE ANNOUNCED IN [SCN 06-23](#).  
MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO ENSURE VTEC WAS READY FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC IN ALL NWS HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTIFICATIONS VIA REALLY SIMPLE SYNDICATION /RSS/ FEED WHEN ANY ITEM ON THE HYDROLOGIC VTEC WEBSITE IS UPDATED...CLICK THE RSS/EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ LOG AT THE TOP OF THE WEBPAGE...OR ADD THE FOLLOWING RSS FEED URL /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/VTEC/HYDRO/HYDROVTEC.XML.RSS](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/vtec/hydro/hydrovtec.xml.rss) TO YOUR RSS READER TO SUBSCRIBE.

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

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

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