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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-29  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
303 PM EDT MON MAY 21 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: NEW PRODUCT TYPE LINE AND PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS FOR AIR QUALITY  
ALERT MESSAGE /AQA/ PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE MAY 30 2007

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MAY 30 2007...NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL  
HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ISSUE AN AIR QUALITY ALERT MESSAGE /AQA/ PRODUCT  
FOR RELAYING IMPORTANT AIR QUALITY INFORMATION FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES.  
THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE:  
AIR QUALITY ALERT MESSAGE.

THE AQA IS AN EVENT DRIVEN PRODUCT. IT IS ISSUED WHEN EXTERNAL AGENCIES  
RELAY MESSAGES WHICH MEET OR EXCEED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STANDARDS FOR POOR AIR QUALITY.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE AQA PRODUCT...A STATIC PRODUCT EXAMPLE...A LIST OF  
WFOS ISSUING THE AQA...THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
/AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/  
HEADINGS ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/AQA.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/aqa.htm)

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS SPECIFIED  
BY NWS INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1805...THE NEW PROPOSED AQA PRODUCT WAS  
REQUESTED BY...AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH...NWS REGIONAL  
HEADQUARTERS OFFICES AND AIR QUALITY PARTNERS TO BE READY TO GO WITH THIS  
CHANGE ON MAY 30 2007.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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