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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-24
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
447 PM EDT TUE APR 1 2008

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 PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENTS TO PLAN FOR OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VALID TIME
EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICES

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-14](#): TRANSMITTED MARCH 3 2008.

ON OR ABOUT APRIL 17 2008...AT ABOUT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/
WILL BEGIN INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ IN THE
THREE AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS COVERED IN [SCN 08-14](#):

AREAL FLOOD WARNINGS /FLW/
FLOOD STATEMENT - FOLLOW UP TO AREAL FLOOD WARNING /FLS/
FLOOD STATEMENT - AREAL ADVISORIES /FLS/

[SCN 08-14](#) INDICATED THAT WFOS WOULD BEGIN TO INCLUDE OPERATIONAL VTEC IN
THEIR AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS ON APRIL 17 2008. BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF
LONG TERM FLOODING OVER SEVERAL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY...IT HAS BEEN
DETERMINED THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO IMPLEMENT EXPERIMENTAL VTEC AT
WFOS WHICH ARE NOT YET PROVIDING IT ON OR ABOUT APRIL 17. ALL
WFOS...INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE ALREADY ISSUING PRODUCTS WITH
EXPERIMENTAL VTEC...WILL THEN SWITCH OVER TO OPERATIONAL VTEC ON OR ABOUT
MAY 20 2008.

FLOODING MAY FORCE INDIVIDUAL WFOS TO ADJUST THE ACTUAL DATES THEY
IMPLEMENT EXPERIMENTAL VTEC AND SWITCH OVER TO OPERATIONAL VTEC. SINCE
MUCH OF THE CURRENT FLOOD THREAT EXISTS IN AREAS WHERE HIGH WATERS TEND TO
PERSIST FOR A LONG TIME...SOME WFOS MAY HAVE TO ADJUST BOTH OF THEIR VTEC
IMPLEMENTATION DATES BY A FEW WEEKS. WFOS WILL ISSUE LOCAL NOTICES TO
ADVISE USERS OF THE TIME AND DATE WHEN THEY WILL IMPLEMENT VTEC IN THEIR
AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS.

THE LATEST AVAILABLE SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VTEC
IN AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED 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 REAL 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.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC](http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec)

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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