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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-27
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1110 AM EDT MON APR 7 2008

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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE /MWW/:
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-26](#): TRANSMITTED APRIL 7 2008.

ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...NWS FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ SERVING THE ATLANTIC...PACIFIC...GULF AND GREAT LAKES COASTS WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE OPERATIONAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE /MWW/ PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED TO BETTER INFORM MARINERS OF MARINE WEATHER HAZARDS AND SERVE AS A DEDICATED LONG DURATION MARINE WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCT.

THE MWW WILL IMPLEMENT THE OPERATIONAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ FOR ALL LONG TERM MARINE WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY EVENTS. THIS INCLUDES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE NEW MARINE WATCH PRODUCTS USING FIVE NEW VTEC PHENOMENA AND SIGNIFICANCE CODE PAIRINGS.

TABLE 1. FIVE NEW MARINE WATCHES AND VTEC PHENOMENA AND SIGNIFICANCE CODE PAIRINGS

MARINE WATCH EVENT NAME	PHENOMENA AND SIGNIFICANCE CODE
GALE WATCH	GL.A
STORM WATCH	SR.A
HURRICANCE FORCE WIND WATCH	HF.A
HAZARDOUS SEAS WATCH	SE.A
HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WATCH	UP.A

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008...THE VTEC INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY CONTAINED IN THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST /CWF/ AND NEARSHORE MARINE FORECAST /NSH/ PRODUCTS WILL BE FOUND IN THE MWW. SELECTED WFOS HAVE BEEN ISSUING THE MWW EXPERIMENTALLY SINCE AUGUST 1 2007. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...SEE [SCN 08-26](#) DATED APRIL 7 2008.

THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE /MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE/. USERS MUST ADD THE NEW PRODUCT HEADERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS DATABASES TO RECEIVE THE MWW PRODUCTS. THE COMPLETE LIST OF

THE NEW MWW COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS...WHICH TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 5 2008...IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE...LISTED BY WFO...AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW/RESOURCES/NEW_MWW.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww/resources/new_mww.pdf)

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MWW PRODUCT AND AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW
FORMAT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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