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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-37
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
223 PM EDT THU MAY 8 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
           -FAMILY OF SERVICES
           -NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
           -EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
           -NOAAPORT
           OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ADDITION OF THE VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ /S/ SIGNIFICANCE
CODE TO THE HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT /HLS/: EFFECTIVE JUNE 15 2008

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-04: TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 5 2008.

BEGINNING JUNE 15 2008...NWS FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL BE ABLE TO ISSUE
THE SEGMENTED HLS USING THE /S/ SIGNIFICANCE CODE IN THE VTEC STRING. THE
/S/ STANDS FOR STATEMENT AND IS PAIRED WITH A PHENOMENA CODE SUCH AS HU
FOR HURRICANE. THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE PHENOMENA CODE USED IN 2008 WILL
BE THE HURRICANE PHENOMENA CODE HU EVEN IF THE TROPICAL CYCLONE IS A
TROPICAL STORM OR TYPHOON. NWS MAY EXPAND THE USE OF THE /S/ SIGNIFICANCE
CODE FOR TROPICAL STORMS AND TYPHOONS FOR FUTURE SEASONS BUT MUST FIRST
DEVELOP SOFTWARE.

THE /S/ SIGNIFICANCE CODE IS USED TO DISPEL RUMORS WHEN THERE ARE NO
TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCHES OR WARNINGS IN EFFECT OR TO CLARIFY TROPICAL
CYCLONE RELATED INFORMATION IN A WFO/S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER PRODUCT TYPE LINE WILL CARRY THE STORM
TYPE OF INTEREST: HURRICANE...TYPHOON...TROPICAL STORM OR TROPICAL
DEPRESSION.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE VTEC CODE IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/VTEC/

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM
/AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS...WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ PRODUCT
HEADINGS OR PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES FOR THE HLS.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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