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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-33
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NCEP MODEL FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SUPERCOMPUTER BACKUP TEST PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2 2003

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE NO IMPACT ON NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SUBSCRIBERS/

BARRING CRITICAL WEATHER...ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 2 2003...THE NATIONAL
CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ CENTRAL OPERATIONS /NCO/ WILL
TEST ITS BACKUP MODEL DATA DISSEMINATION SYSTEM. FOR THIS TEST...NCO WILL
DISSEMINATE BACKUP RAPID UPDATE CYCLE /RUC/ PRODUCTS FROM NOAA/S FORECAST
SYSTEMS LABORATORY /FSL/ DURING THE 1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/
MODEL CYCLE. THESE PRODUCTS...WHICH WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO THE ADVANCED
WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS//NOAAPORT AND BOTH THE NCEP
AND NWS FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ SERVERS...WILL LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE
NCEP RUC PRODUCTS. DELAYED DELIVERY TIMES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE THE ONLY
IMPACT END USERS SHOULD OBSERVE. AVERAGE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY TIME FOR
THE 14 UTC BACKUP RUC ARE APPROXIMATELY 1525 UTC. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY
35 MINUTES LATER THAN THE NCEP VERSION OF THE RUC.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE NCEP BACKUP
PROCESSING AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DELIVERY TIMES CAN BE FOUND AT THE
FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NCO.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PMB/DOCS/NCEP_BACKUP.SHTML](http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/docs/ncep_backup.shtml)

DURING THIS TEST...NCO WILL MAKE LOOK-ALIKE NCEP RUC GRIDS AVAILABLE AT
THE NWS FTP SERVER. ON THE DAY OF THE TEST...THESE PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND
IN THE SAME DIRECTORIES IN WHICH THE RUC MODEL DATA NORMALLY RESIDE. THIS
SERVER IS LOCATED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.OPNL/](ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/sl.us008001/st.opnl/)

ADDITIONALLY...BACKUP DATA SETS /FROM THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY...FLEET
NUMERICAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER AND NOAA/FORECAST SYSTEMS
LABORATORY /FSL/ IN THEIR NATIVE FORMAT CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[FTP://FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF_BACKUP/](ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf_backup/)

THESE DATA ARE AVAILABLE ALL THE TIME ON THIS SERVER.

AS ALWAYS...NCEP APPRECIATES YOUR PATIENCE DURING THESE EXERCISES...WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED FLOW OF MODEL GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTAGE AT THE NCEP SUPERCOMPUTER FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NCEP CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM BACKUP TEST...PLEASE CONTACT:

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