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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-34 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
345 PM EDT MON SEP 15 2003

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER CUSTOMERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

FROM: MARK ANDREWS
CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH
NWS...OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: CORRECTED: BACKUP OF AVIATION WEATHER CENTER PRODUCTS SCHEDULED
FROM 2000 UTC ON SEPTEMBER 24 2003 UNTIL 0400 UTC ON SEPTEMBER 25 2003

CORRECTED TO INCLUDE THE TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE REFERENCE NUMBER
IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK /ABOVE/.

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

ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2003...THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/ AT
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE WILL ASSUME...IN A PLANNED BACKUP TEST...FORECAST
AND WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGMETS AND AIRMETS
/SIERRA...ZULU...TANGO/ IN THE BOSTON...MIAMI...FORT
WORTH...CHICAGO...SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO AREA FORECAST AREA
FORECAST /FA/ AREAS...WHICH ARE NORMALLY PREPARED BY THE AVIATION WEATHER
CENTER /AWC/. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED BACKUP PROCEDURES...CONVECTIVE
SIGMETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD THAT AFWA IS PROVIDING AWC
BACKUP. INFORMATION FOR AREAS OF ACTIVE THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE ISSUED AS
NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMETS.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...A FORECASTER AT THE AWC IN KANSAS CITY WILL BE
COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE AFWA FORECASTER. AWC WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME
FORECASTING SERVICES OR INTERVENE ANYTIME DURING THE TEST IF NECESSARY.
DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE AREA FORECAST WILL BE PREPARED AND
TRANSMITTED BY THE FORECASTER ON DUTY AT AWC.

DURING THE BACKUP TEST...THE AFWA WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE:

AIRMET S: WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET T: WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KSFO>
AIRMET Z: WMO HEADING WAUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND KCHI>
NON-CONVECTIVE SIGMET: WMO HEADING WSUS1 <KBOS KMIA KFTW KCHI KSLC AND
KSFO>

A REMINDER MESSAGE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE AREA FORECASTS ISSUED ON THE
MIDNIGHT SHIFT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST BEGINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AWC BACKUP TEST...PLEASE CONTACT:

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