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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-47
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
250 PM EDT THU MAY 22 2008

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

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SUBJECT: TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT TEST
DATE SCHEDULED: MAY 28 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15](#) AND [TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 08-37](#).

NWS WILL PROVIDE A MONTHLY TEST TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST /TAF/ SO USERS CAN CHECK AND EVALUATE THEIR ABILITY TO DECODE THE NEW DATE AND TIME FORMAT. GENERALLY...NWS WILL PRODUCE TEST TAF PRODUCTS WITH THE 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER 2008 AT 1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/.

NWS WILL PROVIDE REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TEST DAY. IF CRITICAL WEATHER OCCURS ON THE TEST DAY...THE TEST WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT NON-CRITICAL WEATHER DAY. THE NEXT MONTHLY TEST WILL OCCUR MAY 28 2008.

A LINK TO THE TAF TESTBED AND TAF FORMAT EXAMPLES IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/AVIATION/TAF TESTBED.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml)

THE 30-HOUR TEST TAF FOR MAY SHOULD LOOK AS FOLLOWS:

FTXX90 KWBC 281754
TAF KABC 281128Z 2812/2918 VRB05KT P6SM SKC
FM281800 21012KT P6SM SCT050 BKN120
FM282100 21015G30KT P6SM FEW040CB SCT070 BKN120
FM290100 27015KT 3SM -TSRA SCT030CB BKN070
TEMPO 2902/2904 VRB15G45KT 1/2SM TSRA BKN015CB
FM290500 27010KT P6SM SCT030 BKN090
FM291500 VRB05KT P6SM SCT100=

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO SEE THIS TAF.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION
NOTICE...PLEASE REFER TO [SCN 08-15](#)...OR CONTACT:

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