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SUBJECT: NEW DEFINITION OF WSR-88D LEVEL II SUPER RESOLUTION DATA:
EFFECTIVE WITH WSR-88D BUILD 12.1: NOVEMBER 2 2010

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2 2010 AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WILL INSTALL RADAR PRODUCT GENERATOR /RPG/ BUILD 12.1 ON THE WICHITA KANSAS WEATHER SURVEILLANCE RADAR-1988 DOPPLER /WSR-88D/. FIELD DEPLOYMENT OF BUILD 12.1 IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LATE NOVEMBER 2010.

REFER TO: IMPLEMENTATION OF WSR-88D DUAL POLARIZATION LEVEL II DATA:
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 17 2010 WITH DUAL POLARIZATION BETA TEST TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 10-22 /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/TINS/TIN10-22DUAL_POL88DAAD.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/tins/tin10-22dual_pol88daad.pdf)

REFER TO: INITIATION OF REAL-TIME WSR-88D LEVEL II DATA FROM RADAR OPERATIONS CENTER TEST BED RADARS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT /PNS/ ISSUED JUNE 18 2010 /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/PNS10ROC_TESTBED.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns10roc_testbed.pdf)

AS STATED IN THE REFERENCED TIN...WHEN THE DUAL POLARIZATION MODIFICATION IS IMPLEMENTED AT A SITE...REFLECTIVITY DATA WILL BE PROVIDED AT 250 METER RANGE RESOLUTION AND THE MAXIMUM COVERAGE RANGE OF DOPPLER DATA /RADIAL VELOCITY AND SPECTRUM WIDTH/ WILL BE 300 KILOMETERS ON ALL ELEVATION ANGLES...NOT JUST ON THE SPLIT CUTS.

THE DEFINITION OF SUPER RESOLUTION LEVEL II DATA WILL CHANGE WITH RPG BUILD 12.1 /NOT MENTIONED IN LAST TIN/...WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED ON WSR-88D SYSTEMS IN ADVANCE OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE DUAL POLARIZATION RETROFIT. LEVEL II VERSION NUMBER THREE WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR THIS NEW DEFINITION OF SUPER RESOLUTION.

DEPENDING ON COMMUNICATIONS BANDWIDTH CONSTRAINTS...LEVEL II DATA FROM SOME RADARS WILL BE PROVIDED AT REDUCED RESOLUTION OR CONTENT...WHICH WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE LEVEL II VERSION NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH KEY DATA CHARACTERISTICS. A CHART DEPICTING THESE NEW BUILD 12.1 DATA

CHARACTERISTICS AND VERSION NUMBERS IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ROC.NOAA.GOV/WSR88D/DUALPOL/DPLEVELII.ASPX](http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/dualpol/dplevelii.aspx)

THE DATA STREAM OF THE NEW SUPER RESOLUTION DATA DEFINITION WILL INCREASE IN SIZE DUE TO THE INCREASED SPATIAL RESOLUTION AND COVERAGE AREA. DATA THROUGHPUT...WORST CASE FOR A SINGLE SITE...IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE 20 PERCENT.

SAMPLE LEVEL II DATA CREATED BY A TEST VERSION OF RPG BUILD 12.1 IS POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ROC.NOAA.GOV/WSR88D/LEVEL II/BUILD12_1INFO.ASPX](http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/level_ii/build12_1info.aspx)

REAL-TIME LEVEL II DATA FOLLOWING THE NEW BUILD 12.1 SUPER RESOLUTION DEFINITION WILL BE SENT FROM THE TEST BED RADAR /KCRI/ AS /DAN1...ROP3...NOP3...NOP4 OR ROP4/ ON THE LEVEL II DATA COLLECTION NETWORK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 2010. THE CENTRALLY COLLECTED WSR-88D LEVEL II DATA WILL BE ARCHIVED AT THE NATIONAL CLIMATIC DATA CENTER /NCDC/ AND AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://HURRICANE.NCDC.NOAA.GOV/PLS/PLHAS/HAS.DSSELECT](http://hurricane.ncdc.noaa.gov/pls/plhas/has.dsselect)

THE CONTENT AND FORMATS OF THE BUILD 12.1 DATA AND KEY DATA DEFINITIONS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE DRAFT RDA/RPG INTERFACE CONTROL DOCUMENT /ICD/ AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ROC.NOAA.GOV/WSR88D/DUALPOL/DOCUMENTATION.ASPX](http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/dualpol/documentation.aspx)

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