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Subject: Updated: Removal of the Real Time Global 0.5 Degree SST:  
Effective October 2, 2017

Updated to modify the effective date from September 19, 2017, to October 2, 2017.

Effective on or about October 2, 2017, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) cycle, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will be removing the 0.5 degree Real Time Global (RTG) Sea Surface Temperature (SST) analysis and replacing it with the high resolution 1/12th degree.

NCEP has invited comments from users of NCEP SST products, and as best can be established, there are no longer any users of the low resolution RTGSST.

NCEP's reasons for retiring the legacy RTGSST low resolution are as follows:

- The Environmental Modeling Center's (EMC's) efforts towards unification of analysis systems.
- EMC's discussions with users of lower resolution analyses having resulted in migration to using the high resolution analysis.

The low resolution RTGSST will be discontinued from the following NCEP Web services:

<http://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/sst.YYYYMMDD>  
<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/sst.YYYYMMDD>  
<www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod/sst.YYYYMMDD>

Where YYYYMMDD is year, month and day.

With file names like: rtgssthr\_grb\_0.5.grib2  
rtgssthr\_grb\_0.5.grib2.idx  
sst2dvar\_grb\_0.5.grib2  
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The higher resolution output is available on the same Web services as above. Remaining users need to migrate to the 1/12th degree products with file names like:

rtgssthr\_grb\_0.083.grib2  
rtgssthr\_grb\_0.083.grib2.idx

Any questions, comments or requests regarding this change should be directed to the contacts below. We will review any feedback and decide whether to proceed.

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