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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 03-42 CORRECTED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1125 AM EDT WED OCT 1 2003

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: UPDATE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE EXPERIMENTAL NATIONAL  
DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE /NDFD/ COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

REFERENCE: [TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 02-31](#)...FIRST DISTRIBUTED  
OCTOBER 28 2002.

CORRECTED FOR MIXED-CASE LETTERS IN FTP URL BELOW.

THE NATIONAL DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE /NDFD/ GRIDDED ELEMENTS WILL  
CONTINUE THEIR EXPERIMENTAL STATUS THROUGH AT LEAST DECEMBER 1 2003.  
THESE FILES CAN BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE EXCEPT  
FOR SL...ST...DF...DC AND AR/:

[FTP://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.EXPR/DF.GR2/DC.NDFD/AR.CONUS/](ftp://TGFTP.NWS.NOAA.GOV/SL.US008001/ST.EXPR/DF.GR2/DC.NDFD/AR.CONUS/)

DATA FROM THE NDFD ARE PROVIDED IN VERSION 2 GRIDDED BINARY /GRIB/ FORMAT.

FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE
- MINIMUM TEMPERATURE
- PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION /POP12/
- WEATHER
- SKY COVER
- WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED
- SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT

...THE COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 1 2003. THE  
EVALUATION OF THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO BE  
AVAILABLE AS EXPERIMENTAL. THE PROCESS...AND DECISION WHETHER TO DECLARE  
THEM OFFICIAL...WILL BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31 2004. FOR THE  
REMAINDER OF EXPERIMENTAL ELEMENTS:

- TEMPERATURE
- DEWPOINT
- PRECIPITATION AMOUNT
- SNOW AMOUNT

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MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE CONTENT OF THESE FILES AND FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE URL LISTED BELOW /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/NDFD/TECHNICAL/TECHNICAL.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ndfd/technical/technical.htm)

YOUR FEEDBACK COMMENTS ON THE QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF THESE DIGITAL GRID PRODUCTS ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED. THEY WILL BE CRITICAL IN DECIDING WHETHER THESE ELEMENTS BECOME OFFICIAL. PLEASE E-MAIL COMMENTS TO:

[NWS.NDFD@NOAA.GOV](mailto:NWS.NDFD@NOAA.GOV)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DATAMGMT/NOTICES.SHTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/notices.shtml)

NATIONAL TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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