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Subject: Amended: Changes to the North American Ensemble Forecasting  
System (NAEFS): Effective March 1, 2011

Amended to reschedule this implementation for March 1, 2011. Also amended  
to remove the inclusion of the global ensemble system run by the Fleet  
Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in the NAEFS system.

Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2011, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated  
Universal Time (UTC) run, the National Centers for Environmental  
Prediction (NCEP) will make modifications to the North American Ensemble  
Forecasting System (NAEFS). The current NAEFS output is derived by  
combining the NCEP Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS) and the Canadian  
Meteorological Center's (CMC's) GEFS.

The NAEFS output is disseminated only via the NCEP server. Products are  
available for http and ftp download at the following URLs:

<http://www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gens/prod/> and  
<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gens/prod/>

NCEP will be modifying the output available from the NCEP GEFS, CMC GEFS  
and the NAEFS. These modifications include:

- Adding the following 13 bias-corrected elements to the NCEP GEFS and  
NAEFS output for all probabilistic products:

10 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
10 hPa(mb) temperature  
10 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
10 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
50 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
50 hPa(mb) temperature  
50 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
50 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
100 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
100 hPa(mb) temperature

100 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
100 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
850 hPa(mb) vertical velocity

The directory location of the raw CMC GEFS data will be changed. Starting on March 1, the gridded binary version 2 (GRIB2) output for the individual member and ensemble means and spreads will be online in the following directories, where YYYYMMDD is the date and CC is the model cycle:

<http://www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gens/prod/cmce.YYYYMMDD/CC/pgrb2a>

and:

<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gens/prod/cmce.YYYYMMDD/CC/pgrb2a/>

In addition, the following 28 variables will be added to the CMC output:

10 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
10 hPa(mb) temperature  
10 hPa(mb) relative humidity  
10 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
10 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
50 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
50 hPa(mb) temperature  
50 hPa(mb) relative humidity  
50 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
50 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
100 hPa(mb) geopotential height  
100 hPa(mb) temperature  
100 hPa(mb) relative humidity  
100 hPa(mb) u component of wind  
100 hPa(mb) v component of wind  
850 hPa(mb) vertical velocity  
Convective inhibition (CIN 180-0 hPa)  
Latent heat net flux  
Sensible heat net flux  
Downward shortwave radiation flux at surface  
Downward longwave radiation flux at surface  
Upward shortwave radiation flux at surface  
Upward longwave radiation flux at surface  
Upward longwave radiation flux at top of atmosphere  
Volumetric soil moisture (0-10cm)  
Water equivalent of accumulated snow depth  
Snow depth (surface)  
Soil temperature (0-10cm down)

Data delivery timing is not expected to be impacted by the implementation. There will only be a minor increase in the data volumes of existing files due to the addition of new variables. A sample dataset for this NAEFS implementation is available at:

[ftp://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gc\\_wmb/yzhu/1q2011](ftp://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gc_wmb/yzhu/1q2011)

Specific information regarding the NAEFS and scientific implementation is online at:

[http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/yzhu/html/imp/201012\\_imp.html](http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/yzhu/html/imp/201012_imp.html)

By early December, once the model is running in parallel on the NCEP Central Computing System, a consistent parallel feed of data will be available on the NCEP server. The parallel data will be available via the following URLs:

<http://www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gens/para> and  
<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gens/para>

NCEP urges all users to ensure their decoders can handle changes in content order, changes in the scaling factor component within the product definition section (PDS) of the GRIB files, and volume changes. These elements may change with future NCEP model implementations. NCEP will make every attempt to alert users to these changes before implementation.

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