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Subject: Amended: Reschedule the Effective Date for the Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory (HYSPLIT) Upgrade to July 25, 2013

Amended to reschedule the effective Date for the Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory (HYSPLIT) upgrade to July 25, 2013 to correspond with the transition of the NCEP production suite to the WCOSS supercomputer.

Effective on Thursday, July 25, 2013, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) run, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will upgrade the HYSPLIT modeling system, including smoke, dust, and volcanic ash.

The NOAA Air Resources Laboratory (ARL) HYSPLIT subversion number 339 will be implemented as NCEP version 7.0.0 on NCEP's new Weather and Climate Operational Supercomputing System (WCOSS), scheduled to become the operational machine on July 25, 2013. A separate Technical Implementation Notice (TIN) will be issued announcing the operational switch to the WCOSS system. In the event that switch date is changed, this TIN will be modified to reflect that change in implementation date.

Forecasts from the updated HYSPLIT model were made available through a parallel feed from WCOSS starting June 19, 2013. The smoke and dust HYSPLIT GRIB products from the parallel feed are disseminated via the NCEP website:

<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/ag/hysplit/grib/>

and the products will be displayed through NCEP's website:

<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/ag/hysplit/web/html/#picture>

The current operational HYSPLIT model will continue providing forecasts through NCEP Central Computing System (CCS) until the WCOSS machine goes live on July 25, 2013. At that time, updated WCOSS smoke and dust predictions will be distributed through:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/GT.aq/AR.conus/>

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/GT.aq/AR.alaska/>

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/GT.aq/AR.hawaii/>

and displayed at <http://airquality.weather.gov/>.

The scientific enhancements include the following:

- Improved wet removal by reducing in-cloud particle wet removal coefficient, allowing wet removal to occur only when both precipitation and clouds are defined in the same grid cell, and turned off precipitation field spatial interpolation.
- Revised horizontal puff dispersion rate to be more consistent with particle dispersion.
- Set Kanthar-Clayson vertical mixing parameterization as default.
- Maximum plume rise limits relaxed.
- Fires pre-processor modified for daily emission cycling.

The model has been tested with these updates for all HYSPLIT applications at NCEP. Overall, the results showed generally similar results, except for simulations of the wet deposition from the Fukushima nuclear power plant incident of 2011, in which significant improvements occurred.

There are no changes to existing products or their contents. More details about the HYSPLIT are available at:

<http://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php>

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