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From: Bruce Entwistle, Chief
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Subject: Updated: Dissemination Testing for the Center Weather Service
Unit (CWSU) Center Weather Advisory during the month of March 2021

Updated to postpone testing dates to March from February due to widespread
hazardous weather conditions on the previously scheduled test days.

The NWS will be testing end-to-end readiness of dissemination software and
hardware at the Center Weather Service Units' (CWSU) Center Weather
Advisory (CWA). NWS is coordinating this test with the Federal Aviation
Administration's (FAA's) Weather Message Switching Center Replacement
(WMSCR) office.

The intended recipients of these communication tests include Air Route
Traffic Control Centers (ARTCCs), the Aviation Weather Center (AWC) and
Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs).

Several tests are scheduled for March 2, 2021 on or around 1800 Greenwich
Mean Time (GMT). These tests will only involve offices that are on non-
weather critical days. If needed, an alternative set of tests will be
scheduled for March 9. All tests will clearly have the words TEST
repeated multiple times in the body of the CWA. An example CWA is
provided below, where XXX is the specific CWSU:

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FAUS24 KXXX 161805  
XXX4 CWA 161805  
XXX CWA 402 VALID UNTIL 121700Z  
FROM 30SSW OKC-50ENE TTT-60SW GGG-30SW CWK-60ESE FST-10E INK-  
20NE LBB-30SSW OKC  
TEST..TEST..TEST..TEST..TEST...OK TX
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