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Subject: Transition of NCEP Mesoscale Discussions for Heavy Rainfall from Storm Prediction Center to HPC: Effective April 9, 2013

Effective April 9, 2013, at 1500 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NCEP Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) will assume responsibility for issuing Mesoscale Precipitation Discussions (MPDs) for heavy rainfall events expected in the next six-hour timeframe. These products will include a graphic outlining the areas of concern and a technical discussion in text format. These products will be similar to and replace those Mesoscale Convective Discussions (MCDs) for heavy rainfall currently issued by the Storm Prediction Center (SPC).

SPC will continue to produce MCDs for severe weather and winter weather using the same Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) headers.

The HPC MPDs will be available using the following AWIPS identifiers and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headings:

Text Discussions:
AWIPS ID: FFGMPD
WMO Heading: AWUS01 KWNH

Redbook Graphics:
WMO Heading: PENA01 KWNH

The 12Planet ID for the MPD forecaster is hpc_Metwatch. The products will also be available online at:

http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/metwatch/metwatch_mpd.php

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