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MEMORANDUM FOR: Management and Organization Division
Office of the Chief Financial Officer/Chief
Administrative Officer

FROM: Gregory A. Mandt //Signed//
Director, Office of Climate, Water and
Weather Services

SUBJECT: Certification of National Weather Service Instruction
(NWSI)10-511, WFO Severe Weather Products
Specification, dated April 4, 2003

The Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services reviewed National Weather Service Instruction 10-511, WFO Severe Weather Product Specification, dated April 4, 2003, and certifies it is current except as noted below:

1. The Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) listed in Section 3.3.5 (Severe Thunderstorm Warning Format), Section 4.3.5 (Tornado Warning Format), Section 5.3.5 (Severe Weather Statement Format), and associated VTEC line examples in Appendix A are not effective until national VTEC implementation.
2. The Watch County Notification Message (WCN) product specification (Section 6) and associated WCN examples in Appendix A are not effective until full Watch By County implementation. This product specification should be used by NWS employees and external customers for testing and evaluation purposes.