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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

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SUBJECT:

NWS Disposition on the Proposal to Terminate the NGM  
LAMP Guidance Products

On August 13, 2007, the National Weather Service (NWS) released for public comment a proposal (see [http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/old/pns2007terminate\\_ngm\\_lamp.txt](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/old/pns2007terminate_ngm_lamp.txt).) to terminate the production of the Nested Grid Model (NGM) based Local AWIPS MOS System (LAMP) products. The comment period closed on September 14, 2007.

### 1. Comments on the Proposed Change in Service

The process to solicit comments, evaluate and make a decision on the proposal followed NWS Policy Direction 1-10 for Managing the Provision of Environmental Information and Instruction 10-101 on the Change Management Process<sup>1</sup>. In particular, the NWS notified the public and solicited user comments on the proposal with listings on NWS Web sites and e-mail to the LAMP users group.

One private individual responded and suggested that retaining the NGM LAMP would serve as a useful reference for comparison with the GFS LAMP replacement product. However, this individual did not state a requirement for the NGM LAMP products.

### 2. NWS Decision

The NWS has developed a LAMP system based on the Global Forecast System operationally disseminated at more cycles than the NGM LAMP; the number of stations for which GFS LAMP issues forecast guidance far exceeds the station numbers for NGM LAMP. Given that there were no significant public comments on the termination of NGM LAMP, the NWS has decided to terminate production of this product. Therefore, effective January 2008 the NWS will discontinue the production of the NGM LAMP products

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/>

