

IX.3.0A INTRODUCTION TO THE HYDROLOGIC COMMAND LANGUAGE (HCL) AND GENERAL UTILITY SOURCE CODE DESCRIPTION

This Section describes the source code for the Hydrologic Command Language (HCL) [[Hyperlink](#)] and general utility routines.

HCL is the interface through which the user controls the Operational Forecast Program (FCST) [[Hyperlink](#)]. HCL is used to translate user input to instructions that are used to determine which what options are set and Functions are run.

The general utility modules are those routines and common blocks that are used throughout the Forecast System.