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Danville, Va
Carolina Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc.,
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Dibrell Carolina Far Eastern Corp.,
Greenville, NC
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International, Inc., Farmville, NC

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal
Resource Management, National Ocean
Service, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management
(OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate
the performance of the Narragansett Bay
(RI) and Delaware National Estuarine
Research Reserve Programs.

These evaluations will be conducted
pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the
Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
(CZMA), as amended. The CZMA
requires a continuing review of the
performance of states with respect to
coastal program implementation and
reserve management. Evaluation of
Coastal Zone Management Programs and
National Estuarine Research Reserves
requires findings concerning the extent

to which a state has met the national
objectives, adhered to its coastal
program document or reserve
Management Plan approved by the
Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to
the terms of financial assistance awards
funded under the CZMA. The
evaluations will include a site visit,
consideration of public comments, and
consultations with interested Federal,
State, and local agencies and members
of the public. Public meetings are held
as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of
the site visits for the listed evaluations,
and the dates, local times, and locations
of public meetings during the site visits.

The Narragansett Bay National
Estuarine Research Reserve, Rhode
Island, site visit will be from May 13-
17, 1996. A public meeting will be held
on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at 9:00
A.M., at the Reserve Field Station, 55
South Reserve Drive, South Prudence,
Rhode Island 02872.

The Delaware National Estuarine
Research Reserve site visit will be from
May 20-24, 1996. A public meeting will
be held on Wednesday, May 22, 1996,
at 7:00 P.M., at the Department of
Natural Resources and Environmental
Control Auditorium, Richardson and
Robins Building, 89 Kings Highway,
Dover, Delaware.

The States will issue notice of the
public meeting(s) in a local
newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to
the public meeting(s), and will issue
other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent
performance reports, as well as OCRM's
notifications and supplemental request
letters to the States, are available upon
request from OCRM. Written comments
from interested parties regarding these
Programs are encouraged and will be
accepted until 15 days after the public
meeting. Please direct written comments
to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy
Coordination Division, Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management,
NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When
the evaluation is completed, OCRM will
place a notice in the Federal Register
announcing the availability of the Final
Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy
Coordination Division, Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management,
NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301)
713-3090, ext. 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog
11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program
Administration.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

W. Stanley Wilson,

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services
and Coastal Zone Management.*

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery
Management Council's (Council) Pacific
Whiting Allocation Committee will hold
a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on
April 2, beginning at 1 p.m. and may go
into the evening until business for the
day is completed, and on April 3 from
8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
the Pacific Fishery Management
Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite
224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim
Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management
Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Council appointed this committee to
negotiate an agreement for management
of the Pacific whiting fishery beginning
in 1997. This is expected to be the final
meeting of this committee. The
committee will continue to work
towards narrowing the alternatives and
achieving consensus on a single
proposal.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible
to people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other
auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric
W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5
days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,

*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and
Management, National Marine Fisheries
Service.*

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National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration,
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The National Weather Service (NWS) is publishing proposed certifications for the proposed consolidations of:

- (1) Residual Indianapolis Weather Service Office (RWSO) into the future Indianapolis WFO;
- (2) Dubuque Weather Service Office (WSO) into the future Quad Cities and Milwaukee Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs);
- (3) Allentown WSO into the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton WFOs;
- (4) Beckley WSO into the future Charleston and Roanoke WFOs;
- (5) Bridgeport WSO into the future New York City WFO;
- (6) Residual Charleston, WV WSO into the future Charleston, WV WFO;
- (7) Elkins WSO into the future Charleston, WV, Pittsburgh and Baltimore, MD/Washington, DC WFOs;
- (8) Huntington WSO into the future Charleston, WV and Cincinnati WFOs;
- (9) Wilkes-Barre WSO into the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania WFOs;
- (10) Residual Atlanta WSO into the future Atlanta WFO;
- (11) Bakersfield WSO into the future San Joaquin Valley WFO; and
- (12) Residual Las Vegas WSO into the future Las Vegas WFO.

In accordance with Public Law 102-567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed consolidation certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed consolidation packages should be sent to Janet Gilmer, Room 12316, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0276. All comments should be sent to Janet Gilmer at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NWS anticipates consolidating:

- (1) the Residual Indianapolis Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Indianapolis WFO;
- (2) the Dubuque Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Quad Cities and Milwaukee Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs);
- (3) the Allentown WSO with the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton WFOs;
- (4) the Beckley WSO with the future Charleston and Roanoke WFOs;
- (5) the Bridgeport WSO with the future New York City WFO;

(6) the Residual Charleston, WV WSO with the future Charleston, WV WFO;

(7) the Elkins WSO with the future Charleston, WV, Pittsburgh and Baltimore, MD/Washington, DC WFOs;

(8) the Huntington WSO with the future Charleston, WV and Cincinnati WFOs;

(9) the Wilkes-Barre WSO with the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania WFOs;

(10) the Residual Atlanta WSO with the future Atlanta WFO;

(11) the Bakersfield WSO with the future San Joaquin Valley WFO; and

(12) the Residual Las Vegas WSO with the future Las Vegas WFO.

In accordance with section 706 of Pub. Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these consolidations will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed consolidation certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting each proposed certification includes the following:

(1) a draft memorandum by the meteorologist-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) a description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) a comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;

(4) a description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) an identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report(s), User Confirmation of Services Report(s), and the Decommissioning Readiness Report (as applicable); and

(7) a letter appointing the liaison officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee

which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. Law 102-567. At their December 14, 1995 meeting the members “* * * resolved that the MTC modify its procedure to eliminate proposed certification consultations of noncontroversial closings, consolidations, relocations, and automation certifications but will provide final consultation on certifications after public comment and before final submission to the Secretary of Commerce.”

Documentation supporting the proposed certifications is too voluminous to publish in its entirety. Copies of the supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Attached to this Notice are draft memoranda by the respective meteorologists-in-charge recommending the certifications.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certifications. If decisions to certify are made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish the final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to consolidating the offices.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

6900 West Hanna Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46241-9526
February 12, 1996.

Memorandum For: Richard P. Augulis,
Director, Central Region
From: John T. Curran, MIC NWSFO
Indianapolis

Subject:
Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

In August 1993 a change of operations occurred when most personnel and most services provided by the WSFO at Indianapolis International Airport were transferred 1.5 miles southwest to the future WFO site in Indianapolis, Indiana. At that time a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) was left at the airport to continue the surface and radar observational programs. Since that time the Indianapolis International Airport ASOS has been commissioned and the WSR-74C radar has been decommissioned.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, that consolidation of the Indianapolis Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Indianapolis Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Indianapolis will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Indianapolis service area. This proposed

certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the pre-modernized Indianapolis service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the service which addresses these characteristics and concerns from the future Indianapolis WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A list of services currently provided from the Indianapolis RWSO and a list of comparable services to be provided from the future Indianapolis WFO location after consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these lists shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the pre-modernized WSFO Indianapolis area of responsibility (i.e. "affected service area") and the future WFO Indianapolis area of responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSFO Indianapolis service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing the planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Indiana is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Indianapolis service area will be increased, and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of services:

A. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that all comments

have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the Service Confirmation Report. One of the commentors was concerned about inaccurate radar observations (ROBs) and substantial false echo returns. We have discussed these concerns with those people and they are satisfied the NWS is working toward a solution. An emergency management agency responded negatively regarding the availability of an 800 phone line. An 800 phone line is available to all emergency management in the Indianapolis service area. Another emergency management official responded negatively regarding the wording of our products and specifically mentioning his county seat. We informed him we would specifically mention his county seat whenever we can, if appropriate. Two other responses were for informational purposes. We provided these individuals the information they desired.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing WSR-74C radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Indianapolis service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Richard P. Augulis, Director, Central Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Richard P. Augulis

Date

Memorandum For: Richard P. Augulis,
Director, Central Region

From: Charles T. Fenley, MIC, NWSO Quad Cities, IA; Kenneth R. Rizzo, MIC, NWSFO Milwaukee, WI

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Dubuque, Iowa Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) and Milwaukee (Dousman, Wisconsin) Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Dubuque, Iowa, service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If

Dr. Friday approves, he will forward certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided to the pre-modernized Dubuque, Iowa, service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) and Milwaukee (Dousman, Wisconsin) WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Dubuque, Iowa, service area from the Dubuque, Iowa WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) and Milwaukee (Dousman, Wisconsin) WFOs locations after the proposed consolidation is included as Attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Dubuque, Iowa Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) WFO Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of those services as a result of consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Dubuque, Iowa, service area is included as Attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed, and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for northeast Iowa, southwest Wisconsin and northwest Illinois is included as Attachment D. NWS operation radar coverage for the WSO Dubuque, Iowa, service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Reports from the Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) and Milwaukee (Dousman, Wisconsin) future WFOs, Attachment E, validates that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) and

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Dousman, Wisconsin, Attachment F, document that no negative comments were received from the Quad Cities service area. Only one negative comment was received from the Milwaukee service area and it was answered to the satisfaction of the commentor.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the old WSR-74C radar at Moline, Illinois is no longer needed to support services or products for local operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Dubuque, Iowa service area is included as Attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend certification.

Endorsement

I, Richard P. Augulis, Director, Central Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Richard P. Augulis

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: G.C. Henricksen, AM/MIC NWSFO
Philadelphia, PA; Bruce Budd, MIC
NWSO Central Pennsylvania, PA; Peter
R. Ahnert, MIC NWSO Binghamton, NY
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Allentown Weather Service Office (WSO ABE) with the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Allentown service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Allentown service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania,

and Binghamton WFOs, will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Allentown service area from the WSO ABE location and list of services to be provided from the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania, and Binghamton WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO ABE Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Philadelphia Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO ABE service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Pennsylvania and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Allentown service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. the WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania, and Binghamton areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania, and Binghamton WFO areas, attachment F, document that a total of five comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissionary Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary as WSO ABE does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Allentown service area is included at attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted

to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Alan Rezek, AM/MIC NWSFO
Charleston, WV; John Wright, MIC
MWSO Roanoke, VA
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Beckley Weather Service Office (WSO BKW) with the future Charleston and Roanoke Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Beckley service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Beckley service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Charleston and Roanoke WFOs, will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Beckley service area from the WSO BKW location and list of services to be provided from the future Charleston and Roanoke WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO BKW Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Charleston Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO BKW service area is included as attachment C. The new

technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for West Virginia and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Beckley service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Charleston and Roanoke areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); area fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Charleston and Roanoke WFO areas, attachment F, document that a total of eleven comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Beckley local warning radar, WSR-74C, is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigned the liaison officer for the Beckley service area is included at attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Michael E. Wyllie, AM/MIC NWSFO
New York City

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Bridgeport Weather Service Office (WSO BDR) with the future New York City Weather

Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Bridgeport service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Bridgeport service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future New York City WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Bridgeport service area from the WSO BDR location and a list of services to be provided from the future New York City WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO BDR Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO New York city Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO BDR service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Connecticut and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Bridgeport service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report from New York City, attachment E validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance

personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from New York City, attachment F, document that three negative comments were received. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the reports.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary as WSO BDR does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Bridgeport service area is included at attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum for: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Alan Rezek, AM/MIC NWSFO
Charleston, WV; Kenneth Haydu, MIC
NWSO Cincinnati, OH
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgement, consolidation of the Huntington Weather Service Office (WSO HTS) with the future Charleston and Cincinnati Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Huntington service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Huntington service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Charleston and Cincinnati WFOs, will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Huntington service area

from the WSO HTS location and list of services to be provided from the future Charleston and Cincinnati WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO HTS Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Charleston Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO HTS service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for West Virginia and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Huntington service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Charleston and Cincinnati areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Charleston and Cincinnati WFO areas, attachment F, document that a total of eight comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary as WSO HTS does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Huntington service area is included as attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Alan Rezek, AM/MIC NWSFO
Charleston, WV; Theresa Rossi, AM/MIC NWSFO Pittsburgh, PA; James Travers, AM/MIC NWSFO Baltimore, MD/
Washington DC
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Elkins Weather Service Office (WSO EKN) with the future Charleston, Baltimore, MD/ Washington DC and Pittsburgh Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Elkins service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Elkins service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Charleston, Baltimore, MD/Washington DC and Pittsburgh WFOs, will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Elkins service area from the WSO BKW location and list of services to be provided from the future Charleston, Baltimore, MD/Washington DC and Pittsburgh WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO EKN Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Charleston Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO EKN service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and

AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for West Virginia and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Elkins service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Charleston, Baltimore, MD/ Washington DC and Pittsburgh areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); area fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Charleston, Baltimore, MD/ Washington DC and Pittsburgh WFO areas, attachment F, document that a total of ten comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary since WSO EKN does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigned the liaison officer for the Elkins service area is included as attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Alan Rezek, AM/MIC NWSFO
Charleston, WV
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Charleston Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO), located at Yeager Airport, in May 1995 when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future Charleston Area Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Ruthdale,

WV to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the Charleston service area. At the same time the Yeager Airport (CRW) location was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) to continue operating the existing WSR-74S radar and taking surface airways observations.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the RWSO CRW with the future Charleston Area Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Charleston service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Charleston service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Charleston Area WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Charleston service area from the RWSO CRW location and a list of services to be provided from the future Charleston WFO location after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the RWSO CRW Area of Responsibility (i.e., "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Charleston Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the RSWO CRW service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e., ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for West Virginia and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Charleston service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Charleston area, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from Charleston, attachment F, document that four negative comments were received. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Charleston WSR-74S radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigned the liaison officer for the Charleston service area is included at attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From: Peter Ahnert, MIC NWSO Binghamton, NY; Bruce Budd, MIC NWSO Central Pennsylvania, PA
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Wilkes-Barre Weather Service Office (WSO BKW) with the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Wilkes-Barre service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Wilkes-Barre service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania WFOs, will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Wilkes-Barre service area from the WSO BKW location and list of services to be provided from the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO AVP Area of Responsibility (i.e., "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Binghamton Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO AVP service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e., ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Pennsylvania and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Wilkes-Barre service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from the Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Binghamton and Central Pennsylvania WFO areas, attachment F, document that a total of eleven comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary as WSO AVP does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Wilkes-Barre service area is included at attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____,

the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Date

Attachments

Four Falcon Drive
Peachtree City, GA 30269
(date)

Memorandum For: Harry S. Hassel, Director,
Southern Region
From: Carlos Garza, Jr., AM/MIC NWSFO
Atlanta, GA
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Atlanta Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO) in April 1994, when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future Atlanta Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Peachtree City, Georgia, to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the Atlanta service area. The office at the original WSFO location was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) and continued to be the site for recording surface observations and operating the WSR-74C.

Based on the attached documentation and my professional judgment, I have determined that consolidation of the RWSO Atlanta with the future WFO Atlanta will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Atlanta service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending that you approve this action in accordance with Section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Atlanta service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services from WFO Atlanta which address these characteristics and concerns will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of services currently provided within the Atlanta service area from the RWSO Atlanta location and a list of services to be provided from the WFO Atlanta location after consolidation is included in Attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. The enclosed map shows the old Atlanta area of responsibility (i.e., "affected service area") and the new future WFO Atlanta area of responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the Atlanta service area is included as Attachment C. The new technology (i.e., ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned WSR-88D radar coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet over Georgia is included as Attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the specific service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service.

a. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, Attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test) and is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services), service back-up capabilities are functioning properly, and a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available, and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Two national work-arounds remain in effect.

b. The User Confirmation of Services, Attachment F, documents that no negative comments were received. Additional calls were made to weathercasters in the Atlanta metropolitan area to make sure that services continue to conform to national guidelines. All comments expressed satisfaction with our services as stated in the Service Confirmation Report.

c. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the existing Atlanta WSR-74C radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Atlanta service area is included as Attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Harry S. Hassel

Date

Attachments

900 Foggy Bottom Road, Hanford, CA 93230-5236

February 7, 1996.

Memorandum for: W/WR—Thomas D. Potter,
Director, Western Region

From: Steven W. Mendenhall, MIC, NWSO
San Joaquin Valley, CA

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, consolidation of the Bakersfield Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future San Joaquin Valley Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Bakersfield service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Bakersfield service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future San Joaquin Valley WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Bakersfield service area from the Bakersfield WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future San Joaquin Valley WFO after consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Bakersfield Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area"), and the future WFO San Joaquin Valley Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Bakersfield service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and

AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for California is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Bakersfield service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service.

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed, but one national workaround remains in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that one negative comment was received, but did not impact the WSO Bakersfield service area. This negative comment was answered to the satisfaction of the commentor, as stated in the User Confirmation of Services Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not needed as there is no radar to decommission at Bakersfield.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Bakersfield service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Committee) (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____ the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Thomas D. Potter, Director, Western Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Thomas D. Potter

Date

Attachments

Memorandum For: Thomas D. Potter,
Director, Western Region

From: Larry Jensen, MIC, NWSO Las Vegas,
NV

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Las Vegas Weather Service Office (WSO) in March 1995. During this month, most personnel were transferred to the new facility of the future Las Vegas Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Las Vegas, Nevada to operate the WSR-88D, and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the Las Vegas

service area. At that same time, the original WSO office was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) to continue operating the WSR-74C.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Las Vegas Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Las Vegas Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Las Vegas service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Las Vegas service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Las Vegas WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Las Vegas service area from the Las Vegas WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Las Vegas WFO after consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclose map shows the WSO Las Vegas Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Las Vegas Area of Responsibility.

Endorsement

I, Thomas D. Potter, Director, Western Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Thomas D. Potter

Date

Attachments

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for