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Subject: Updated: Implementation of IDP CAP Handler Application  
and Modification of CAP version 1.2 Output: Effective February  
24, 2021

Updated to reflect the effective date change from February 17 to  
February 24, 2021.

Effective February 24, 2021, beginning at 1800 Coordinated  
Universal Time (UTC), the Common Access Protocol (CAP) Handler  
will replace the Hazards Collection (HazCollect) Legacy and  
HazCollect Extended applications with a single system. This  
system will be maintained by NCEP Central Operations (NCO)  
within the Integrated Dissemination Program (IDP). In the event  
of a Critical Weather Day (CWD) declaration, we will proceed  
with the upgrade after CWD is over.

As the replacement for HazCollect Legacy, CAP Handler will  
facilitate future operational improvements that are expected to  
increase use of NWR and other NWS systems for dissemination of  
Non-Weather Emergency Messages (NWEMs).

During this replacement, the National Weather Service will be  
making a change to the <identifier> element on CAP messages  
generated for watch, warning, and advisory products.

Current format:

NWS-IDP-PROD-nnnnnnn-nnnnnnn where the 'n' represents a digit

New format: urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.<hash>.nnn.n

where the hash represents a unique 40 character hexadecimal hash  
string, and the 'n' represents a digit.

Example:

urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.000845e7eeb1b170d4907a5cb970cb7a7e4ee32a.001.1

The change to the identifier will be visible to consumers of National Weather Service CAP messages.

Users of the National Weather Service API will also see the new identifier when accessing the Alerts API (<https://api.weather.gov/alerts>), in the 'id' element.

Users of the National Weather Service CAP FTP Website <https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DF.xml/DC.cap/> will see this change in both the CAP <identifier> element, as well as in the file naming structure. The portion of the current filename representing the NWS-IDP-PROD-nnnnnnnn-nnnnnnnn format will change to urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.<hash>.nnn.n

As part of NCEP's standard 30 day parallel testing, the new output products will be available here:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DF.xml/DC.cap/cap.test/>

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Please direct questions, comments or requests regarding this implementation to the contacts below. We will review any feedback and decide whether to proceed.

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