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Subject:      Updated: Replacement of Common Alerting Protocol Parameter PIL  
              with AWIPSIentifier and WMOIdentifier Parameters  
              Effective on or About December 7, 2021

Updated to reflect the new implementation date of December 7, 2021.

Effective on or about December 7th, 2021, the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) messages issued by the National Weather Service will no longer carry the parameter with a valueName of PIL, as shown below:

```
<parameter>  
<valueName>PIL</valueName>  
<value>NNNXXXNNN</value>  
</parameter>
```

where NNN is an office Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) identifier, and XXX is the product category.

At the same time, two new parameters will be added to the CAP messages:

```
<parameter>  
<valueName>AWIPSIentifier</valueName>  
<value>nnnxxx</value>  
</parameter>
```

where nnn is the AWIPS product category and xxx is the AWIPS office identifier. This corresponds to the second line of a NWS text product.

and

```
<parameter>  
<valueName>WMOIdentifier</valueName>  
<value>T1T2A1A2ii CCCC YGGGg BBB</value>  
</parameter>
```

where:

T1 is taken from World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Manual 386 table A. It is an alpha character that designates the general code form of the contents of the bulletin (Coded or plain text).

T2 is taken from WMO Manual 386 tables B1 through B6 depending on the designator T1 in table A. It is an alpha character that designates the data type.

A1 is taken from WMO Manual 386 tables C1 through C6 depending on designator T1 in table A (U.S. National practice through C9). It is an alpha character that designates the geographical area the content of the bulletin covers.

A2 is taken from WMO Manual 386 tables C1 through C5 depending on designator T1 in table A (U.S. National practice through C9). It is an alpha character that designates the geographical area, or may define the forecast period.

ii is taken from the WMO Manual 386 paragraph 2.3.2.2 definition, or from table D1 or D2 depending on designator T1 in table A (U.S. National practice table D3 replaces D2). It is a numeric set of two characters. Go to the WMO message structure for more details on this group.

CCCC is the identification of the processing center that generated the bulletin. Commonly centers use alpha character identification designators from the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO's) Location Indicators Doc 7910/80, but this is not consistent throughout the centers.

YYGGgg is the day, hour, and minute the bulletin was prepared or the reporting time of the contained reports in it.

BBB is an *optional* group of alpha characters.

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