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Subject:      Change to Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMET)  
              Format: Effective April 20, 2023

Effective April 20, 2023 at 1900 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC),  
Blowing Dust (BLDU) will replace Widespread Dust storm (WDSR DS) and  
Blowing Sand (BLSA) will replace Widespread Sandstorm (WDSR SS) in  
SIGMETs. The format change is needed for the product to comply with NWS  
Instruction 10-811, En Route Forecasts and Advisories.

Current format for WDSR DS:

WSUS04 KPCI 272310  
MKCWS40  
DFWO WS 272308  
SIGMET OSCAR 1 VALID UNTIL 280308  
OK TX KS CO NM  
FROM 60NW ICT TO 20NE ABI TO 60SSE CME TO 30SSW PUB TO 60WNW ICT  
OCNL VIS BLW 3SM IN WDSR DS BLW 030. CONDS CONTG BYD 0308Z.

New format for BLDU:

WSUS04 KPCI 272310  
MKCWS40  
DFWO WS 272308  
SIGMET OSCAR 1 VALID UNTIL 280308  
OK TX KS CO NM  
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