

under Antidumping Proceeding at: Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-4737.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Department may revoke an antidumping duty order or finding or terminate a suspended investigation if the Secretary of Commerce concludes that it is no longer of interest to interested parties. Accordingly, as required by § 353.25(d)(4) of the Department's regulations, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke the following antidumping duty orders and findings and to terminate the suspended investigations for which the Department has not received a request to conduct an administrative review for the most recent four consecutive annual anniversary months:

*Antidumping Proceeding*

**Austria**

Railway Track Maintenance  
Equipment

A-433-064

43 FR 6937

February 17, 1978

Contact: Paul Stolz at (202) 482-4474

**Germany**

Sodium Thiosulfate

A-428-807

56 FR 6623

February 19, 1991

Contact: Lyn Johnson at (202) 482-5287

**Japan**

Benzyl Paraben

A-588-816

56 FR 5795

February 13, 1991

Contact: Leon McNeill at (202) 482-4236

**Japan**

Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings

A-588-602

52 FR 4167

February 10, 1987

Contact: Sheila Forbes at (202) 482-5253

**Japan**

Melamine

A-588-056

42 FR 6366

February 2, 1977

Contact: Todd Peterson at (202) 482-4195

**The United Kingdom**

Sodium Thiosulfate

A-412-805

56 FR 6623

February 19, 1991

Contact: Lyn Johnson at (202) 482-5287

If no interested party requests an administrative review in accordance with the Department's notice of opportunity to request administrative review, and no domestic interested party objects to the Department's intent to revoke or terminate pursuant to this notice, we shall conclude that the antidumping duty orders, findings, and suspended investigations are no longer of interest to interested parties and shall proceed with the revocation or termination.

**Opportunity To Object**

Domestic interested parties, as defined in § 353.2(k)(3), (4), (5), and (6) of the Department's regulations, may object to the Department's intent to revoke these antidumping duty orders and findings or to terminate the suspended investigations by the last day of February 1996. Any submission to the Department must contain the name and case number of the proceeding and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under § 353.2(k)(3), (4), (5), and (6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. You must also include the pertinent certification(s) in accordance with § 353.31(g) and § 353.31(i) of the Department's regulations. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the objection be sent to Michael F. Panfeld in Room 4203. This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 353.25(d)(4)(i).

Dated: January 25, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.*

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**National Weather Service  
Modernization and Associated  
Restructuring**

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

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

(1) Colorado Springs Weather Service Office (WSO) into the future Pueblo,

Denver/Boulder and Goodland Weather Forecast Offices (WFO);

(2) Rockford WSO into the future Chicago and Quad Cities WFOs;

(3) Grand Island WSO into the future Hastings WFO;

(4) Apalachicola WSO into the future Tallahassee WFO;

(5) Pensacola WSO into the future Mobile and Tallahassee WFOs;

(6) Tupelo WSO into the future Memphis and Jackson WFOs;

(7) Del Rio WSO into the future Austin/San Antonio WFO; and

(8) Bristol WSO into the future Knoxville/Tri-Cities, Roanoke, and Charleston, WV WFOs.

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

**DATES:** Comments are requested by April 2, 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 Colorado Springs Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Pueblo, Denver/Boulder and Goodland Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs);

(2) The Rockford WSO with the future Chicago and Quad Cities WFOs;

(3) The Grand Island WSO with the future Hastings WFO;

(4) The Apalachicola WSO with the future Tallahassee WFO;

(5) The Pensacola WSO with the future Mobile and Tallahassee WFOs;

(6) The Tupelo WSO with the future Memphis and Jackson WFOs;

(7) The Del Rio WSO with the future Austin/San Antonio WFO; and

(8) The Bristol WSO with the future Knoxville/Tri-Cities, Roanoke and Charleston, WV WFOs.

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: January 29, 1996.  
 Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,  
*Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

Memorandum For: Richard P. Augulis,  
 Director, Central Region  
 From: Steven D. Schurr, MIC, NWSO  
 Hastings, NE  
 Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation  
 Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, consolidation of the Grand Island Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Hastings Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Grand Island 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 Grand Island 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 Hastings WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services provided within the Grand Island service area from the Grand Island WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Hastings 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 proposal consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Grand Island Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future Hastings WFO's Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find 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 (MWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Grand Island 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 Nebraska and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Grand

Island 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 Hastings, 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 from Hastings, attachment F, documents that one negative comment was received. That negative comment has been answered to the satisfaction of the commentor as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Grand WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Grand Island 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 continue to recommend this certification.

#### Endorsement

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

Richard P. Augulis

Date

Attachments

Weather Service Forecast Office, 2090  
 Airport Road, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
 January 31, 1996.

Memorandum For: Harry S. Hassel, Director,  
 Southern Region

From: Antonio A. Dreumont, South Texas  
 Area Manager

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation  
 Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, that consolidation of the Del Rio Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Austin/San Antonio Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Del Rio 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 Del Rio 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 Austin/San Antonio office will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Del Rio service area from the WSO Del Rio location and a list of services to be provided from the future Austin/San Antonio WFO 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. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Del Rio Area of Responsibility (i.e., "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Austin/San Antonio 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 Del Rio 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 Texas 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 Reports for NWSO Austin/San Antonio, Attachment E-1, and Laughlin AFB, Attachment E-2, 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, Attachment F, documents that only one

negative comment was received. The negative comment has been answered to the satisfaction of the commentator as stated in the service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not applicable. There is no radar at WSO Del Rio to decommission.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Del Rio 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, Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Harry S. Hassel

Date

Attachments

January 24, 1996.

Memorandum for: Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, NWS

From:

Jerry O. McDuffie, MIC, NWSO Knoxville/Tri-Cities, TN

Kenneth A. Kostura, MIC, NWSO Roanoke, VA

Alan A. Rezek, MIC, NWSFO Charleston, WV

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, We have determined, in our professional judgment, that consolidation of the Bristol Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Knoxville/Tri-Cities, TN, Roanoke, VA, and Charleston, WV Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Bristol service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, We recommended 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 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 Bristol service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, We find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from future WFOs Knoxville/Tri-Cities, TN,

Roanoke, VA, and Charleston, WV will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Bristol service area from WSO Bristol and a list of services to be provided from the future WFO Knoxville/Tri-Cities, Roanoke, and Charleston, WV locations 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 Bristol Area of Responsibility (i.e., "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Knoxville/Tri-Cities, Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, We submit 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 Bristol 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 for east Tennessee and southwest Virginia 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 Reports for NWSO Knoxville/Tri-Cities, NWSO Roanoke, and NWSFO Charleston, WV, 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, along with 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, document that no negative comments were received.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the existing Bristol WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

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

We 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 satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

*Endorsement*

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

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Harry S. Hassel

## Date

## Attachments

Memorandum for: Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region

## From:

Richard I. Coleman, MIC, NWSFO  
Memphis, TN

Tice H. Wagner, MIC, NWSFO Jackson, MS

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Tupelo, MS Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Memphis and Jackson Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Tupelo 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 Tupelo 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 Memphis and Jackson WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Tupelo service area from the Tupelo WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Memphis and Jackson WFO locations 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 Tupelo Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Memphis 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 Tupelo 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 Mississippi and Tennessee 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 Reports for Memphis and Jackson, attachment E, validate 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 for Memphis and Jackson, attachment F, document that the only negative comment received was from the manager of the AFSS. Upon further investigation, we found that the complaint was aimed at FAA practices rather than with WSR-88D products and services.

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 Tupelo service area is included as attachment H.

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

*Endorsement*

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

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Harry S. Hassel

## Date

## Attachments

8400 Airport Blvd., Bldg. 11, Mobile, AL  
36608

November 13, 1995.

Memorandum To: Harry S. Hassel, Director,  
NWS Southern Region

## From:

Randall S. McKee, MIC, NWSO Mobile, AL  
William P. Duval, MIC, NWSO Tallahassee

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my

professional judgment, Consolidation of the Pensacola Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Mobile and Tallahassee Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation of weather services to the Pensacola 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 view 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 Pensacola service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the Mobile and Tallahassee WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Pensacola service area from the Pensacola WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the Mobile and Tallahassee WFO locations 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 Pensacola Area of Responsibility (i.e., "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Mobile 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 Pensacola 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 Florida 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 services.

A. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Reports for Mobile and Tallahassee, Attachment E, validate 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 for Mobile and Tallahassee, Attachment F, document that two negative comments were received and have been satisfactorily addressed as stated in the Service Confirmation Report. Neither degrades services to the Pensacola WSO area of responsibility.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the existing Pensacola WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

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

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Committee) (Attachment I) and the \_\_\_\_\_ public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J).

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe all concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we therefore recommend this certification.

#### Endorsement

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

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Harry S. Hassel

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Date

#### Attachments

Regional Airport, 3238 Capital Circle, SW,  
Tallahassee, FL 32310-8723  
November 3, 1995.

Memorandum For: Harry S. Hassel, Director,  
NWS Southern Region  
From: Paul Duval, MIC NWSO Tallahassee,  
Florida  
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation  
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined that in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Apalachicola Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Tallahassee Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Apalachicola 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 upon my review of the pertinent evidence, and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of the local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns

affecting the weather services provided in the Apalachicola service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing services which address these characteristics and concerns from the Tallahassee WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Apalachicola service area from the Apalachicola WSO location, and a list of services to be provided from the Tallahassee WFO location 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 Apalachicola Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Tallahassee 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 Apalachicola 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 north Florida, southeast Alabama and southwest 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 that 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 the 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 only two negative comments were received. Both of the negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the Service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the existing Apalachicola WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the Liaison Officer for the Apalachicola 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, Harry S. Hassel, Director, National Weather Service Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

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Harry S. Hassel

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Date

#### Attachments

Weather Service Forecast Office, 333 West  
University Drive, Romeoville, IL 60441  
Memorandum For: Richard P. Augulis,  
Director, Central Region

From:

Paul W. Dailey, MIC, NWSFO Chicago  
Charles T. Fenley, MIC, NWSFO Quad  
Cities

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation  
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Rockford Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Chicago Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Romeoville, Illinois and the future Quad Cities WFO in Davenport, Iowa will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Rockford 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 approved, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to congress.

Our recommendation is based on 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 Rockford 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 Chicago and Quad Cities WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services traditionally provided within the Rockford service area from the Rockford WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Chicago and Quad Cities WFO locations 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 Rockford area of responsibility (i.e. "affected service area") and the future WFO Chicago 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 Rockford service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and WIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Illinois is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Rockford 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 training operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national workarounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that six negative comments were received. All comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the service Confirmation Report.

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

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Rockford 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, Richard P. Augulis, Director, Central Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Richard P. Augulis

Date

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

From:

William F. Fortune, MIC, NWSO Pueblo,  
CO

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#### Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Colorado Springs Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Pueblo, Denver and Goodland Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Colorado Springs service area. This proposed certificate 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 Colorado Springs 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 Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Colorado Springs service area from the Colorado Springs WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland 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 Colorado Springs Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland WFOs' Areas 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 Colorado Springs 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 Colorado is included as Attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Colorado Springs service area will be increased. Some blocking will occur along the western slope of the Rampart Range of mountains but this will have only a minimal impact on the majority of the WSO Colorado Springs service area.

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 Pueblo, Denver and Goodland, 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. A full compliment of spares is on-station, but one national work-around remains in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from Pueblo, Goodland, and Denver, Attachment F, document that only two negative comments were received at Pueblo. Four negative comments were received at Denver, but only one pertained to the Colorado Springs Service Area. Three negative comments were received at Goodland, but none referred to the Colorado Springs Service Area. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of those who made negative comments as reflected in the reports.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, not applicable, there is no radar at Colorado Springs to decommission.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Colorado Springs 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

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#### Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of modification to scientific research permit no. 888 (P559).