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SUBJECT: NEW DEFINITION OF WSR-88D LEVEL II SUPER RESOLUTION  
DATA: EFFECTIVE WITH WSR-88D BUILD 12.1:  
NOVEMBER 2 2010

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2 2010 AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 COORDINATED  
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/... THE NWS WILL INSTALL RADAR PRODUCT  
GENERATOR /RPG/ BUILD 12.1 ON THE WICHITA KS WEATHER SURVEILLANCE  
RADAR-1988 DOPPLER /WSR-88D/. FIELD DEPLOYMENT OF BUILD 12.1 IS  
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LATE NOVEMBER 2010.

REFER TO: IMPLEMENTATION OF WSR-88D DUAL POLARIZATION LEVEL II  
DATA: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 17 2010 WITH DUAL POLARIZATION  
BETA TEST TIN 10-22:

[http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/tin10-2288d\\_dualpol.txt](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/tin10-2288d_dualpol.txt)

REFER TO: INITIATION OF REAL-TIME WSR-88D LEVEL II DATA FROM RADAR  
OPERATIONS CENTER TEST BED RADARS PNS ISSUED JUNE 18 2010:

[http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/pns10roc\\_testbed.doc](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/pns10roc_testbed.doc)

AS STATED IN THE REFERENCED TIN... WHEN THE DUAL POLARIZATION  
MODIFICATION IS IMPLEMENTED AT A SITE... REFLECTIVITY DATA WILL BE  
PROVIDED AT 250 METER RANGE RESOLUTION AND THE MAXIMUM COVERAGE  
RANGE OF DOPPLER DATA /RADIAL VELOCITY AND SPECTRUM WIDTH/ WILL BE  
300 KILOMETERS ON ALL ELEVATION ANGLES...NOT JUST ON THE SPLIT  
CUTS.

THE DEFINITION OF SUPER RESOLUTION LEVEL II DATA WILL CHANGE WITH  
RPG BUILD 12.1 /NOT MENTIONED IN LAST TIN/... WHICH WILL BE  
INSTALLED ON WSR-88D SYSTEMS IN ADVANCE OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE  
DUAL POLARIZATION RETROFIT. LEVEL II VERSION NUMBER 3 WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR THIS NEW DEFINITION OF SUPER RESOLUTION.

DEPENDING ON COMMUNICATIONS BANDWIDTH CONSTRAINTS... LEVEL II DATA  
FROM SOME RADARS WILL BE PROVIDED AT REDUCED RESOLUTION OR  
CONTENT... WHICH WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE LEVEL 2 VERSION NUMBER

ASSOCIATED WITH KEY DATA CHARACTERISTICS. A CHART DEPICTING THESE NEW BUILD 12.1 DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND VERSION NUMBERS IS AVAILABLE AT:

<http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/dualpol/dplevelii.aspx>

THE DATA STREAM OF THE NEW SUPER RESOLUTION DATA DEFINITION WILL INCREASE IN SIZE DUE TO THE INCREASED SPATIAL RESOLUTION AND COVERAGE AREA. DATA THROUGHPUT ... WORST CASE FOR A SINGLE SITE... IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE 20 PERCENT.

SAMPLE LEVEL II DATA CREATED BY A TEST VERSION OF RPG BUILD 12.1 IS POSTED AT:

[http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/level\\_ii/build12\\_1info.aspx](http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/level_ii/build12_1info.aspx)

REAL-TIME LEVEL II DATA FOLLOWING THE NEW BUILD 12.1 SUPER RESOLUTION DEFINITION WILL BE SENT FROM THE TEST BED RADAR /KCRI/ AS /DAN1... ROP3... NOP3... NOP4... OR ROP4/ ON THE LEVEL II DATA COLLECTION NETWORK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 2010. THE CENTRALLY COLLECTED WSR-88D LEVEL II DATA WILL BE ARCHIVED AT THE NATIONAL CLIMATIC DATA CENTER /NCDC/ AND AVAILABLE AT:

<http://hurricane.ncdc.noaa.gov/pls/plhas/has.dsselect>

THE CONTENT AND FORMATS OF THE BUILD 12.1 DATA AND KEY DATA DEFINITIONS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE DRAFT RDA/RPG INTERFACE CONTROL DOCUMENT /ICD/ AVAILABLE AT:

<http://www.roc.noaa.gov/wsr88d/dualpol/documentation.aspx>

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NATIONAL TINS ARE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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