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Subject: Update NWM Processing of Streamflow Observations
 Effective August 22, 2017

Effective on or about August 22, 2017, beginning with the 1300 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will update the National Water Model (NWM) data pre-processing scripts to address an issue impacting the model's use of USGS streamflow observations.

Currently, the NWM system only searches in the current day's directory for streamflow observations to assimilate. With this change, the model will now ingest observations up to 3 hours into the previous day (as originally intended). The change will increase the accuracy of NWM analysis cycle streamflow near observation locations, especially within the 00 UTC cycle.

Users will see the output changes in the following files on the NCEP Web services:

<http://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/nwm/prod/nwm.YYYYMMDD/>
<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/nwm/prod/nwm.YYYYMMDD>
www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/nwm/prod/nwm.YYYYMMDD
Where YYYYMMDD is year, month and day

The change only impacts the following channel-type output files (other file types remaining unchanged):
 analysis_assim/*channel_rt*conus.nc
 short_range/*channel_rt*conus.nc
 medium_range/*channel_rt*conus.nc
 long_range_mem/*channel_rt*conus.nc

Questions, comments or requests regarding this change should be directed to the contacts below. We will review any feedback and decide whether to proceed.

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