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From: David Michaud, Director
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Subject: Consolidation of Data Subsetting Services via Termination of
OpenDAP Format Files on nomads.ncep.noaa.gov Effective: January 20, 2026

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will terminate the OpenDAP format of files on nomads.ncep.noaa.gov as part of the National Weather Service's (NWS) modernization efforts. This action will be effective on or about 1200 UTC Jan 20, 2026. In case of a Critical Weather Day (CWD) or Enhanced Caution Event (ECE) declaration this action will be delayed until the next business day after CWD or ECE ends.

The OpenDAP data access protocol will be retired from NOMADS and users are encouraged to transition their data pulls to either the grib filter service or to HTTPS downloads of the model output files. All NCEP model data will continue to be available via other supported subsetting and transfer protocols.

This termination will impact the following NCEP models currently available on the NOMADS website, including but not limited to:

- * Global Forecast System (GFS)
- * Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS)
- * Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS)
- * North American Ensemble Forecast System (NAEFS)
- * North American Mesoscale Model (NAM)
- * Hi-resolution window (HRESW)
- * High-Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR)
- * National Blend of Models
- * Rapid Refresh (RAP)
- * Short Range Ensemble Forecast System (SREF)
- * Real Time Ocean Forecast System (RTOFS) Global
- * Sea Ice Analysis
- * Great Lakes Wave Unstructured (GLWU)
- * Wave Watch III (WW3)
- * Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS)
- * Climate Forecast System (CFS) Global Forecast System (GFS)

All data available via OpenDAP on nomads.ncep.noaa.gov is currently available at the following locations:

HTTP: <https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/>

Users of OpenDAP who wish to continue to download only a subset of the files can do so via the grib filter or "fast download method".

For information on file subsetting via grib filter please see the documentation here:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/info.php?page=gribfilter>

For information on the "fast download method" please see the documentation here:

<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/info.php?page=fastdownload>

Please submit comments, questions, or requests pertaining to this change to:

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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