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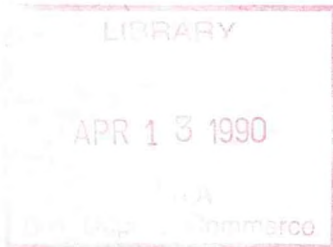
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# NWWS PRODUCT RETRANSMISSION PROGRAM

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Under the new NWWS system, any product in a node's local AFOS database may be retransmitted under the AFOS identifier CCCRETRAN. This can be done by editing the product on AFOS and storing it under the header CCCRETRAN. However, this method cannot be used for products longer than 5 pages.

The AFOS background program RT.SV was developed to retransmit products of any size under either the node's own RETRAN heading, or in cases of backup, the node's backup RETRAN heading.

Products edited on AFOS and placed under the RETRAN heading will be stripped of their regular AFOS identifier (CCCNXXX). Many users of NWWS data, such as the L. A. Times, rely on the AFOS identifier to store the products received into their own computer system database. To facilitate the use of these systems the RT program was designed to maintain the products original heading below the CCCRETRAN heading.

## II. METHODOLOGY AND SOFTWARE STRUCTURE

The RT program is an assembly language program which allows retransmission of any current product or previous version under the node's RETRAN heading, or under the backup node's RETRAN heading.

The command line for retransmission under a node's own RETRAN heading is:

```
RUN:RT CCCNNXXX #/V
```

Where: CCCNNXXX - is any product in the node's AFOS database.  
#/V - # is previous version number, from 0-99, of the product to be retransmitted.

Note: The order of the local switches is unimportant, and the #/V switch is optional for retransmission of the current product.

The program yanks the entire product specified from the AFOS database through the foreground/background interface. An RDOS disk file is created, for the product. Filename RETRAN.\* (where \* is a letter from A-Z) is created to store the product. Since a product may still be in the process of storing when RT is run again, the program searches for the first unused filename.

After a file is created the program writes the RETRAN header to the file. If the local switch /B is used in the command line, the program will place the product under the

backup site RETRAN heading. For example, the backup site for WSFO LAX is WSFO PHX. The command line for retransmission by WSFO LAX under WSFO PHX RETRAN heading (PHXRETRAN) is:

RUN:RT CCCNNNXXX/B #/V

- Where: CCCNNNXXX - any product in the node's AFOS database.
- /B - specifies backup site node identifier to be used.
- #/V - # is previous version number, from 0-99, of the product to be retransmitted.

Note: The order of the local switches is unimportant and the /V switch is optional for retransmission of the current product.

The program addresses all RETRAN products to the State Distribution Circuit (SDC).

After the product, including the original product heading, is written to the RDOS file RETRAN.\*, the program queues the file to the AFOS store processor. After the file is stored in AFOS under the appropriate identifier, the file is deleted by AFOS.

Since the RETRAN product header is different for each office using the program, a setup feature is contained within the program to set the node's own CCC and the backup node's CCC within the program code. The /S global switch is used to initiate the setup feature. The format for the setup feature is:

RUN:RT/S CCC/P CCC/B

- Where: /S - Global switch to initiate setup feature.
- CCC/P - CCC is primary node identifier.
- CCC/B - CCC is backup node identifier.

### III. CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

If AFOS happens to crash before the AFOS store processor has deleted the RETRAN.\* file, the file may be left on the disk. Although the program will simply use another filename the next time the program is run, the ASM may wish to add a command to the sitestop macro to delete any of the RETRAN.\* files left on SYSZ.

### IV. REFERENCES

WSOM Chapter C-63, NOAA Weather Wire Service Dissemination.

# NWWS PRODUCT RETRANSMISSION PROGRAM

## PART A: PROGRAM INFORMATION AND INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

**PROGRAM NAME:** RT.SV

**AAL ID:**

**Revision No.:** 1.00

**PURPOSE:** RT.SV retransmits any current product or previous version in a node's AFOS database on the NWWS. Products may be retransmitted under the node's own RETRAN heading or the backup node's RETRAN heading. There is no limit to the product size, and the original header (CCNNNXXX) of the product is maintained.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

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**Language:** Data General Assembly Language

**Save file creation dates:** 12/23/89

**Running time:** variable - about 15 seconds for 5 page product.

<b>Disk Space:</b>	Program files		
	RT.SV	-	8 RDOS Blocks
	Data files		
	RETRAN.(A-Z)	-	variable

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

<b>Program files:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
RT.SV	W

<b>Data files:</b>	<b>W</b>
RETRAN.(A-Z)	

<b>AFOS Products:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
CCCRETRAN	Stored	Primary node
cccRETRAN	Stored	Backup node

### LOAD LINE:

RLDR/P RT ABG.LB

## PROGRAM INSTALLATION:

1. The save file, RT.SV should be moved from the program diskette to an applications directory, and the appropriate link entry should be made on the default directory.
2. Run the RT program in the setup mode (/S global switch) to change the primary and backup node identifiers. The default primary and backup node's are CCC.



## NWWS PRODUCT RETRANSMISSION PROGRAM

### PART B: PROGRAM EXECUTION and ERROR CONDITIONS

**PROGRAM NAME:** RT.SV

**Revision No.:** 1.00

#### PROGRAM EXECUTION:

1. After the program has been installed the program must be run in the setup mode to set the primary and backup node identifiers. The format for the setup mode is:

RUN:RT/S CCC/P CCC/B

WHERE:	RT/S	-	Specifies the program is to be run in setup mode.
	CCC/P	-	CCC is the primary node identifier.
	CCC/B	-	CCC is the backup node identifier.

Note: Make sure the CCCRETRAN key(s) for your primary (and/or backup) nodes are in your database before running in the setup mode.

2. To retransmit programs under the AFOS heading CCCRETRAN enter the following command:

RUN:RT CCCNNNXXX #/V - retransmit product under local node identifier.

or

RUN:RT CCCNNNXXX/B #/V - retransmit product under backup node identifier.

Where:	RT	-	name of program.
	CCCNXXX	-	any product in the local AFOS database.
	/B	-	local switch to send product under backup node identifier.
	#/V	-	optional parameter, where # is previous version number, from 0-99, for retransmission.

## ERROR CONDITIONS:

1. If the key name specified is not in the local AFOS database, the program will return the following error message to the ADM:

JOB RT ABORTED! ERROR CONDITION: INVALID KEY

2. If the version requested does not exist, the program will return the following error message to the ADM:

JOB RT ABORTED! ERROR CONDITION: VERSION #

3. If the product for retransmission has been purged, the program will return the following error message to the ADM:

JOB RT ABORTED! ERROR CONDITION: PURGED

4. If the product is a valid AFOS key in the local AFOS database and there is a problem reading the data from this key, the program will return the following error message to the ADM:

JOB RT ABORTED! ERROR CONDITION: NOT FOUND

5. If the message "!!F DPCM 12:40:00 E267:CFSTO FILE SYSZ:RETRAN.\* IN ERROR" appears on the dasher, it may be due to one of the following reasons: 1) The setup program has not been run to set the primary and/or backup node's CCC. 2) An invalid CCC was entered for the primary and/or backup node. 3) The CCCRETRAN key for the primary and or backup node is not in your database.



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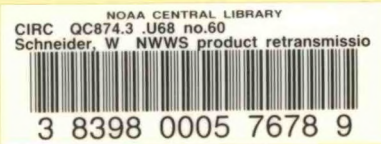
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