

Dear NCEP Production Suite Review participants,

Held each fall since the mid-1990s, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Production Suite Review (NPSR) served a purpose of gathering NCEP model developers, users, and other stakeholders to discuss the current state of, and provide feedback on, the NCEP model production suite and future plans. Throughout the years, the interactions at this meeting improved the science and products of the suite and increased the accuracy of earth system modeling prediction for the United States and global partners.

With the recent introduction of the community-based Unified Forecast System (UFS), the time has come for the NPSR to evolve. The content that is discussed at the NPSR, held once per year, is now generally available through many other forums and methods, and at meetings held throughout the year. Therefore, the meeting will not be scheduled again, and the fall 2019 iteration is considered the final NPSR.

We encourage those who attended the NPSR to engage the model development community using several different avenues: a) EMC's Model Evaluation Group (<https://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/users/meg/home/>) holds briefings on EMC model upgrades and developments approximately each week on Thursdays, at 11:30 am Eastern time, b) attend the NWS Office of Science and Technology Integration (<https://www.weather.gov/organization/sti>) fall strategy meeting, and /or the spring planning meeting, where model improvements, upgrades, and changes are discussed and finalized, and c) become involved with the community-based Unified Forecast System (<http://ufscommunity.org>), to assist in the planning, development, and scientific direction of the next phase of United States earth system modeling efforts through attending planned UFS workshops (<https://dtcenter.org/news/2020/ufs-users-workshop>), scientific meetings and UFS teams and working groups. Please see the listed web links for information on how to become involved with the various briefings, meetings, and teams.

The Environmental Modeling Center (EMC) would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended, participated, and contributed content for past NPSR meetings. The collaborations that were formed and forged, and the enduring spirit of scientific community engagement towards improved environmental prediction, will continue in this evolution to the UFS and beyond.

Sincerely,

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