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Moody Radio to sunset XDS File Deliveries | February 17, 2025

As part of several operational changes being planned for the next several months, Moody Radio will be ending the XDS File Delivery service to all stations following the weekend of February 15-16, 2025. This notice gives stations about one month to make some necessary changes.

This decision comes after reviewing the usage of the service among radio stations over the past decade and the desire to streamline daily workflows among the Moody Radio Network Operations Center in Chicago. It turned out that we don't really have that many stations using the XDS File Delivery service, and that programs sent via the service were also readily available on the Moody Radio Affiliate FTP site.

Therefore, we are recommending that all stations currently utilizing the XDS File Delivery system (previously known as the XDS Store & Forward system) immediately begin transitioning over to downloading Moody Radio produced programs from the Moody Radio Affiliate FTP site at <ftp://ftp.moody.edu/>.

It should be noted that the Moody-1 and Moody-2 satellite and/or IP mode 24x7 programming feeds are not affected by this announcement. Moody Radio will be continuing on the XDS receiver platform for many years to come.

Most stations that have used the XDS File Delivery service also use the Amb-OS User Interface (UI) to manage transfer of files from the XDS receiver to the UI and then utilized the UI file naming and format functions for managing those files. We suggest these stations also look to the Amb-OS User Interface for managing their program file downloading and processing via the FTP function of the UI.

Information on how to utilize the Amb-OS User Interface for FTP scheduled downloads is available on the Amb-OS.com website at <https://www.amb-os.com/support>. More specifically, please see <https://www.amb-os.com/s/AMR-FTP-UI Manual Rev-06.pdf>.

We are grateful for and thank our friends at Amb-OS Support for their kind and helpful assistance in developing the XDS interface module back in 2013, and for maintaining the effort in the succeeding years.

We recognize the transition from the XDS File Delivery to FTP will take some time to implement, but there are actually some long term benefits to both Moody Radio and our valued affiliate ministry partners that will come from this effort.

- 1) The Moody Radio NOC team will be able to focus on satellite delivery and FTP delivery as their primary program delivery responsibilities, thus improving efficiencies and improved affiliate service.
- 2) End users downloading programs from <ftp://ftp.moody.edu/> will be able to use full linear .wav files (48 KHz, 16-bit), as opposed to the compressed .MP2 files (192 Kbps, 48 KHz) that have been delivered via the XDS File Delivery system.
- 3) This will eliminate the need for multiple instances of audio file compression and/or conversion in the workflow at all locations and provide for a consistently high quality of audio files reaching each radio station's production studios and air chains.

In the big picture, while sunsetting XDS File Deliveries may seem like unwelcome news in the short run, this should prove to be a win-win situation across the network as we strive to provide the best service to all our ministry partners.

Please be sure to watch for additional Moody Radio Uplift Affiliate Edition newsletters for more operational and programming updates in the coming weeks.

Stations needing additional FTP support can reach out to Moody Radio Affiliate Relations at affiliates@moodyradio.org.

How and Why to Opt-In to Moody Radio Uplift Affiliate Newsletters

Moody Radio sends out a newsletter twice a month to our ministry partners, affiliate stations, and owned and operated properties.

This newsletter:

- highlights new programs and features from Moody Radio
- shares critical technical updates.
- provides information about seasonal programming and specials.
- promotes new titles and interview opportunities with Moody Publishers authors.
- highlights the efforts of Moody Global Media at industry events like [National Religious Broadcasters \(NRB\)](#) and [Christian Music Broadcasters \(CMB\)](#).

We recently switched the method of sending this newsletter to the Salesforce platform and, as a result, are having all interested parties opt in as well as updating their preferences.

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<https://www.moodyradio.org/stations/affiliate/newsletter/>

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