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Subject: NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine
Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast on February 9, 2021

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS
Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform routine monthly tsunami
communication tests to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination
software and hardware on Tuesday February 9, 2021 for East and Gulf Coast
states.

The intended recipients of these communication tests include designated
national focal points, state/territorial warning points, coastal WFOs,
U.S. Coast Guard and critical military dissemination points.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be
consistent with the product changes implemented by Service Change Notice
(SCN) 18-94: Changes to Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) and Event Tracking
Numbers (ETNs) for Domestic Tsunami Test Products: Effective April 1,
2019:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec_tsunami.pdf

VTEC codes for the test messages will start with the /T fixed identifier
versus /O for operational messages. To provide additional assurance that
a test message is not inadvertently distributed as an actual
Warning/Advisory/Watch product, ETNs for the test messages will begin with
9 as the leading digit of the four character code.

The text products affected by routine monthly tsunami communication
testing are the national tsunami products issued under the following
Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers
(PILs) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
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Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast Gulf Coast and Canada East Coast	TSUAT1	WEXX20

Public Tsunami W/W/A
for U.S. Atlantic Coast
Gulf Coast and Canada
East Coast

TSUATE

WEXX30

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. WFOs taking part in the national monthly tsunami communications test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Eastern Region:

Boston/Taunton, MA (BOX)
Caribou, ME (CAR)
Charleston, SC (CHS)
Gray/Portland, ME (GYX)
Mount Holly, NJ (PHI)
Newport/Morehead City, NC (MHX)
New York, NY (OKX)
Sterling, VA (LWX)
Wakefield, VA (AKQ)
Wilmington, NC (ILM)

NWS Southern Region:

Brownsville, TX (BRO)
Corpus Christi, TX (CRP)
Houston/Galveston, TX (HGX)
Jacksonville, FL (JAX)
Key West, FL (KEY)
Lake Charles, LA (LCH)
Melbourne, FL (MLB)
Miami, FL (MFL)
Mobile, AL (MOB)
New Orleans, LA (LIX)
Tallahassee, FL (TAE)
Tampa Bay Area, FL (TBW)

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