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Subject: NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine
Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast on January 14,
2020

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, January 14,
2020, 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 SCN18-94:
Changes to Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) and Event Tracking
Numbers (ETN) 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, Event
Tracking Numbers (ETN) 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 (PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

NTWC Product -----	AWIPS PIL -----	WMO ID -----
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, 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, 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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