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Subject:      NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine  
              Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast on May 17, 2022

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, May 17, 2022, 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.

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 AWIPS Product Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (ID):

| NTWC Product<br>-----  | AWIPS PIL<br>----- | WMO ID<br>----- |
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| Segmented Tsunami W/W/A<br>for U.S. Atlantic Coast<br>Gulf Coast, and Canada<br>East Coast | TSUAT1             | WEXX20          |
| Public Tsunami W/W/A<br>for U.S. Atlantic Coast<br>Gulf Coast, and Canada<br>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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