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Subject: NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine

Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast in Conjunction

with the LANTEX22 Tsunami Exercise on June 1, 2022

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform routine monthly tsunami communication tests in conjunction with the LANTEX22 exercise to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, for East and Gulf Coast states.

The LANTEX22 Participant Handbook can be found here: https://tsunami.gov/exercises/Lantex22Final.pdf

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 AWIE	PS PIL WM	O ID
Segmented Tsunami W/W/A TSUA for U.S. Atlantic Coast Gulf Coast, and Canada East Coast	AT1 WE	XX20

Public Tsunami W/W/A TSUATE WEXX30

for U.S. Atlantic Coast

Gulf Coast, and Canada East Coast

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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