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Subject: Four NWS Eastern Region WFOs Will Begin Issuing Tropical Cyclone Forecast Products: Effective on or about June 1, 2020

The following NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will begin issuing the WFO tropical cyclone (TC) product suite effective on or about June 1, 2020:

WFO Burlington, VT (BTV)
WFO Binghamton, NY (BGM)
WFO State College, PA (CTP)

WFO Albany, NY (ALY) will expand issuance of the tropical cyclone product suite for the entire county warning area in their responsibility. Previously, they issued tropical cyclone products only for Litchfield County, CT and Berkshire County, MA.

The WFO TC product suite includes TC Local Watch/Warning Products (TCV), Hurricane Local Statements (HLS), Extreme Wind Warnings (EWW), and Post TC Reports (PSH).

A listing of the tropical products these offices will be capable of issuing in the 2020 hurricane season and their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers (PILs) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) codes can be found below:

PRODUCT	AWIPS PIL	WMO CODE
Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning	TCVBTV	WTUS81 KBTV
Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning	TCVBGM	WTUS81 KBGM
Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning	TCVCTP	WTUS81 KCTP
Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning	TCVALY	WTUS81 KALY
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSBTV	WTUS81 KBTV
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSBGM	WTUS81 KBGM
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSCTP	WTUS81 KCTP
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSALY	WTUS81 KALY
Extreme Wind Warning	EWWBTV	WFUS51 KBTV
Extreme Wind Warning	EWWBGM	WFUS51 KBGM
Extreme Wind Warning	EWWCT	WFUS51 KCTP
Extreme Wind Warning	EWWALY	WFUS51 KALY
Post Tropical Cyclone Report	PSHBTV	ACUS71 KBTV
Post Tropical Cyclone Report	PSHBGM	ACUS71 KBGM
Post Tropical Cyclone Report	PSHCTP	ACUS71 KCTP
Post Tropical Cyclone Report	PSHALY	ACUS71 KALY

The NWS is adopting the capability to issue TC products at these offices based on tropical cyclone climatological return periods. This change will help maintain consistency of service with neighboring WFOs during high impact tropical events.

Updated information on NWS local TC products from WFOs will be online before June 1, 2020, in NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-601 at:

https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006001curr.pdf

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