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Subject: Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD) to Replace Discontinued
 NWS Guam Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Satellite
 Interpretation Message (SIM): Effective March 1, 2022

Effective on or about March 1, 2022, the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Guam will stop issuing the Satellite Interpretation Message (SIM) product and replace it with the Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD) on the same date. The SIM contains a description of synoptic weather features, significant weather areas, and significant cloud and meteorological features as determined by Himawari weather satellite imagery and other observational data. The product was primarily intended to provide information to weather offices in the western North Pacific Ocean that were unable to receive satellite imagery. When the NWS discontinues this SIM, WFO Guam will transmit the Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD) daily.

A product description of the TWD is found at:
<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/TropicalWeatherDiscussion.pdf>

An example of the TWD is found at:
https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/ref/Guam_TWD_sample.pdf

The SIM product was conceived before satellite imagery was readily available. Users of the TWD can access text information on Tropical Cyclones/Tropical Waves/Disturbances, the location of the Intertropical Convergence Zone and associated convection along it, surface/middle/upper level synoptic discussion, and significant clouds/convection from the WFO Guam at:
<https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

The TWD product from the Guam Weather Forecast Office will be issued using the AWIPS Product Identifier (PIL) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) Code found below:

PRODUCT	AWIPS PIL	WMO CODE
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Tropical Weather Discussion	TWDPQ	AXPQ20 PGUM

Updated information on NWS tropical cyclone forecast center products is posted online annually before June 1 in NWS Instruction (NWSI) NWSI 10-607 at:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.php>

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