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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
LANTEX23 Tsunami Exercise on March 2, 2023

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 LANTEX23 exercise to ensure end-to-end
readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on Thursday, March 2,
2023, for East and Gulf Coast states.

The LANTEX23 Participant Handbook can be found here:

<https://tsunami.gov/exercises/Lantex23Final v2.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.

Valid Time Event Code (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 Watch/Warning/Advisory (W/W/A) product, Event Tracking
Numbers (ETNs) 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
(PILs) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
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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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