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Subject:     Addition of Invest Identification Numbers to the Geographic  
              Headers within the Tropical Weather Outlook Issued by the  
              National Hurricane Center and the Central Pacific Hurricane  
              Center on or around May 15, 2023

Effective on or around May 15, 2023, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the Central Pacific Hurricane Center (CPHC) will add invest identification numbers (e.g., AL98) to the geographic headers within the body of the Tropical Weather Outlook (TWO).

Invest identification numbers are a means for distinguishing areas of disturbed weather that have the potential for tropical cyclone formation. The invest identification number is composed of four characters: a 2-letter basin identifier (i.e., AL - Atlantic Ocean basin, CP - central Pacific Ocean basin, and EP - Eastern Pacific basin) and a 2-digit number that begins with a 9 (e.g., 90, 91, 92, etc.).

The TWO discusses significant areas of disturbed weather across the Atlantic, eastern North Pacific or central North Pacific basins and provides probabilities of tropical cyclone formation for these disturbances. A geographic header is included with the body of the product to identify each disturbance. Those geographic headers currently only include a text description of the geographical area of reference. When an invest identification number exists for a system, it will be added to the corresponding header. An example of a geographic header with an invest identification number is provided in quotes below:

"East of the Leeward Islands (AL91):"

Additional details on the Tropical Weather Outlook can be found at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcprod.shtml#TWO>

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