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Subject: Eastern Pacific National Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning (TCV) Product Issued by the National Hurricane Center to Include Both Inland and Coastal Tropical Cyclone Wind Watches and Warnings Beginning on or around June 15, 2023

Effective on or around June 15, 2023, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) will update the content of the National Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning (TCV) product issued for the Eastern Pacific basin to include both inland and coastal tropical cyclone wind watches and warnings.

The National TCV product issued by the NHC for the Eastern Pacific basin (TCVEP#) will include all NWS-issued zone-based tropical cyclone wind watches and warnings from both NHC and local Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) in San Diego and Los Angeles/Oxnard. Previously the National TCV for the Eastern Pacific basin only included coastal tropical cyclone wind watches and warnings. This change will align the Eastern Pacific National TCV product issued by the NHC with the corresponding product that is issued for the Atlantic basin (TCVAT#), with the exclusion of Storm Surge Watches and Warnings since those are not issued for the Eastern Pacific basin.

The National TCV is issued within approximately 15 minutes after the normal advisory time as inland watches and warnings are compiled into the product with the coastal watches and warnings. In some circumstances, such as for the issuance of special advisories, it may be delayed as much as 45 minutes after the advisory time.

The national TCV for the Eastern Pacific Basin will contain Universal Geographic Code (UGC) and the following Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC):

TR.A - Tropical Storm Watch

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HU.A - Hurricane Watch

HU.W - Hurricane Warning

Additional information regarding the National TCV can be found in NWSI 10-607 (Tropical Cyclone Forecast Center Products):

https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006007curr.pdf

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