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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center National East Coast Exercise  
LANTEX21 on March 17, 2021

The National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) will be conducting the national East Coast exercise LANTEX21 on Wednesday, March 17, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The initial message will be disseminated at 1205 UTC. At this point, all participants can refer to the LANTEX21 booklet for guidance. Those wishing to participate can download this document at:

<https://tsunami.gov/exercises/Lantex21Final.pdf>

The intended recipients of the communication tests include designated national focal points, state/territorial warning points, coastal Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs), U.S. Coast Guard and critical military dissemination points.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be consistent with the product changes implemented by Service Change Notice (SCN) 18-94: Changes to Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) and Event Tracking Numbers (ETNs) for Domestic Tsunami Test Products, Effective April 1, 2019:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec\\_tsunami.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec_tsunami.pdf)

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 Warning/Advisory/Watch product, 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 -----
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/Galveston, 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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