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Subject: Modified National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on March 14, 2022

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a modified monthly tsunami communication test on Monday, March 14, 2022. This modification is necessary to identify a potentially duplicative dissemination path related to the Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunications Network (AFTN). As a result, two tests will be performed back to back, so recipients should expect to see both tests.

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.

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
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Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUWCA	WEPA41
Public Tsunami W/W/A for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUAK1	WEAK51

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. WFOs participating in the national monthly tsunami communications test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Alaska Region:

Anchorage, AK (AFC)

Juneau, AK (AJK)

NWS Western Region:

Seattle/Tacoma, WA (SEW)

Portland, OR (PQR)

Medford, OR (MFR)

Eureka, CA (EKA)

San Francisco Bay Area/Monterey, CA (MTR)

Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA (LOX)

San Diego, CA (SGX)

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