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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for  
the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on May 23, 2024

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather  
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami  
communication test to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination  
software and hardware on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

NTWC will use this message to kick-off the PACIFEX U.S. West Coast annual  
tsunami exercise. More information is available for the annual tsunami  
exercise at <https://tsunami.gov/exercises/Pacifex24v2.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) 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, the 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 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, CA (MTR)  
Los Angeles, CA (LOX)  
San Diego, CA (SGX)

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