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Subject: WFO Honolulu, HI to Issue Coastal Flood Statements: Effective May 21, 2021

Beginning on or about May 21, 2021, the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Honolulu, HI (HFO) will begin issuing Coastal Flood Statements for minor coastal flooding due to extreme high tides. HFO will issue these statements under the existing Coastal Hazard Message (CFW) product, which is also used for High Surf Warning and High Surf Advisory hazards.

HFO has been using Special Weather Statements (SPS) to communicate the flooding hazard from extreme tides. When HFO implements this change, the office will stop using SPS and start using CFW to better indicate the hazard.

There will be no changes to Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) identifiers or World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers. The possible CFW hazards and their associated Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) are:

Hazard	VTEC	AWIPS/WMO Identifier
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Coastal Flood Statement	CF.S	CFWHFO/WHHW40 PHFO
High Surf Advisory	SU.Y	CFWHFO/WHHW40 PHFO
High Surf Warning	SU.W	CFWHFO/WHHW40 PHFO

This change is in line with NWS Instructions 10-320, Surf Zone Forecast and Coastal/Lakeshore Hazard Services, and 10-1703, Valid Time Event Code (VTEC), which can be found at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.php>

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