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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, CA. 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
TR.W - Tropical Storm Warning
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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