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Subject: Updated Issuance Time and Format for the Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD) Issued Daily by WFO Guam: Effective on or about June 3, 2024

Effective on or around June 3, 2024, Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Tiyan, Guam will change the daily issuance time of the Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD) to 0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) (1100 am Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)). They were previously issued at 2100 UTC (0700 am ChST).

The free text format will also be updated to incorporate short-term outlooks and trends within the paragraphs dedicated to each feature. Previous TWDs highlighted the outlooks and trends in a separate 'DISCUSSION' section. Overall content will stay the same. This change is intended to give the user a more streamlined and coherent product and view of tropical activity in the western North Pacific.

WFO Guam will continue to issue the TWD under the following World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifier (ID) and Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifier (PIL):

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Tropical Weather Discussion	AXPQ20 PGUM	TWDPQ

More information on the format and content of the TWD can be found in the National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-607 - Tropical Cyclone Forecast Center Products:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006007curr.pdf>

This directive will be updated in the spring of 2024 to reflect the change in issuance time for the TWD issued by WFO Guam.

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