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Subject: Updated: The National Tsunami Warning Center National East
Coast Exercise LANTEX20 has been Postponed Until Further Notice

Updated to postpone the National East Coast Exercise LANTEX20 originally
scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC;
0800 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)) until further notice.

At this point, all participants are to refer to the LANTEX20 booklet for
guidance. Those wishing to participate can download this document at

<https://www.tsunami.gov/exercises/LANTEX20Final.pdf>

The intended recipients of the communication tests include designated
national focal points, state/territorial warning points, coastal Weather
Forecast Offices, U.S. Coast Guard, and critical military dissemination
points.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be
consistent with the product changes implemented by Service Change Notice
(SCN) 18-94: Changes to Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) and Event Tracking
Numbers (ETN) for Domestic Tsunami Test Products, Effective April 1,
2019:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec_tsunami.pdf

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, the ETN 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 -----
Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast Gulf Coast, and Canada East Coast	TSUAT1	WEXX20
Public Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast Gulf Coast, and Canada East Coast	TSUATE	WEXX30

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) taking part in the national monthly tsunami communications test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Eastern Region

Boston, MA (BOX)
 Caribou, ME (CAR)
 Charleston, SC (CHS)
 Gray/Portland, ME (GYX)
 Mount Holly, NJ (PHI)
 Newport/Morehead City, NC (MHX)
 New York, NY (OKX)
 Sterling, VA (LWX)
 Wakefield, VA (AKQ)
 Wilmington, NC (ILM)

NWS Southern Region

Brownsville, TX (BRO)
 Corpus Christi, TX (CRP)
 Houston, TX (HGX)
 Jacksonville, FL (JAX)
 Key West, FL (KEY)
 Lake Charles, LA (LCH)
 Melbourne, FL (MLB)
 Miami, FL (MFL)
 Mobile, AL (MOB)
 New Orleans, LA (LIX)
 Tallahassee, FL (TAE)
 Tampa Bay Area, FL (TBW)

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