

NOUS41 KWBC 141105
PNSWSH

Public Information Statement 20-03
National Weather Service Headquarters Silver Spring MD
705 AM EST Thu Jan 14 2021

To: Subscribers:
 -NOAA Weather Wire Service
 -Emergency Managers Weather Information Network
 -NOAAPort
 Other NWS partners and NWS employees

FROM: Allison Allen, Chief
 NWS Marine, Tropical, and Tsunami Services Branch

SUBJECT: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications
 Tests for the West Coast and Alaska Coast to take place
 on January 14, 2021

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will perform routine monthly tsunami communication tests to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on Thursday, January 14, 2021, for Alaska and West Coast states.

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.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be consistent with the product changes implemented by Service Change Notice 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, Event Tracking Numbers (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 AWIPS Product Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (ID):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
-----	-----	-----
Segmented Tsunami W/W/A	TSUWCA	WEPA41

for West Coast/BC/Alaska

Public Tsunami W/W/A TSUAK1 WEAK51
for West Coast/BC/Alaska

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)

For more information, please contact:
Mike Angove
NWS Tsunami Services Program Leader
Silver Spring, MD
301-427-9375
Michael.Angove@noaa.gov

National Public Information Notices are online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

NNNN