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Subject: Correction to NWS Shapefile Attributes for the Commonwealth of
the Northern Mariana Islands, Effective September 13, 2022

Effective Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 2000 Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC) or Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 AM Chamorro Standard Time (ChST),
the NWS Shapefiles Attributes database will be corrected to reflect the
attributes maintained by the Bureau of the Census for the Commonwealth of
the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This change will affect the State
and Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) attributes. The
effective date of this change is sooner than specified by NWS Instruction
10-1805 for two primary reasons. First, it is a minimal database
correction. Second, users will be able to make this correction on the
same day (September 13, 2022) that other NWS Shapefiles are updated, per
our twice-yearly change cycle.

The NWS’s U.S. Counties dataset is online at:
https://www.weather.gov/gis/Counties

Table 1: New State Shapefile Attribute

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Table 2: New FIPS Codes

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If September 13, 2022 (at 2000 UTC) is declared a Critical Weather Day,
this implementation will be postponed to September 14, 2022 at 2000 UTC.

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