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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for
the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on March 31, 2023

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami
communication test on Friday, March 31, 2023.

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

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 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
Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers
(PILs) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
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Segmented Tsunami Watch/Warning/Advisory (W/W/A) for West Coast/British Columbia (BC)/Alaska	TSUWCA	WEPA41
Public Tsunami W/W/A for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUAK1	WEAK51

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)

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