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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on June 21, 2023

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami communication test on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

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.

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 (ETNs) 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 West Coast/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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