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Subject: NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine  
Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast on  
December 19, 2023

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather  
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform routine monthly tsunami communication  
tests to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and  
hardware on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 for East and Gulf 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.

Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) 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 (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  
(PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

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Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. 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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