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Subject: Enforcement of Geographical Boundaries in the Atlantic and Eastern North Pacific Tropical Weather Discussions from the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch, Effective on or around May 15, 2024

Effective on or around May 15, 2024, the National Hurricane Center's (NHC) Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) will enforce the geographic boundaries of their Tropical Weather Discussions (TWDs) as documented in National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-607 Section 5.1. A full paragraph description is currently included in the TWD for any tropical cyclone regardless of location. NHC/TAFB is planning to no longer include ongoing or potential tropical cyclones or post-tropical cyclones that are outside of its area of responsibility as Special Features in their TWDs beginning with the 2024 hurricane season. As such, the TWDs from TAFB will focus only on major synoptic weather features and significant areas of disturbed weather or seas within these geographic boundaries:

- Atlantic basin: Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic between the equator and 31N latitude
- Eastern North Pacific basin: From 03.4S to 30N, east of 120°W including the Gulf of California

NWSI 10-607 can be accessed through the link provided below: https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006007curr.pdf

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