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Subject: NWS to Issue National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for the East and Gulf Coast on October 20, 2026

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, October 20, 2026 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.

These tests are not intended for the Public, nor should they be transmitted by third-party services or apps to the public. They will not appear on tsunami.gov.

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):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast and Canada East Coast	TSUAT1	WEXX20
Public Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast and	TSUATE	WEXX30

Canada East Coast

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly.
WFOs taking part in the national monthly tsunami communications test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Sector 1:
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 Sector 2:
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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