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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on October 21, 2026

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami communication test to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

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 Code (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, 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 (PIL) 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 Sector:

NWS Sector 7:
Anchorage, AK (AFC)
Fairbanks, AK (AFG)
Juneau, AK (AJK)

NWS Sector 6:
Seattle/Tacoma, WA (SEW)
Portland, OR (PQR)
Medford, OR (MFR)
Eureka, CA (EKA)
Sacramento, CA (STO)
San Francisco, CA (MTR)
Los Angeles, CA (LOX)
San Diego, CA (SGX)

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