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Subject: U.S. SIGMET Testing Scheduled for November 10-24, 2010

NWS will perform end-to-end testing of SIGMET production from November 10-24, 2010. The tests serve as an important exercise for the three U.S. Meteorological Watch Offices (MWOs) in Kansas City, Anchorage and Honolulu. The tests will include all three types of SIGMETs: Volcanic Ash (VA), Tropical Cyclone (WC) and Weather phenomena (WS). The validity period will be 10 minutes.

The three MWOs will coordinate with the Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers (VAACs) in Anchorage and Washington for the Volcanic Ash SIGMETs and with the Tropical Cyclone Advisory Centers (TCACs) in Miami and Honolulu for Tropical SIGMET issuance. The schedule is as follows:

On November 10, 2010, the SIGMET test for Tropical Cyclone (WC) is scheduled to occur at 0200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), when the Miami and Honolulu TCACs issue their Tropical Cyclone test advisories that drive the SIGMETs produced at the Kansas City and Honolulu MWOs. The following two World Meteorological Organization (WMO) IDs will be using during this test:

WCPN## KKCI
WCPA## PHFO

On November 17, 2010, the SIGMET test for Volcanic Ash (WV) is scheduled to occur at 0200 UTC when the Washington and Anchorage VAACs issue their Volcanic Ash Advisories (VAA), which drive the SIGMETs produced at the Kansas City, Honolulu and Anchorage MWOs. Look for the following three WMO IDs during this test:

WVAK## PAWU
WVPN## KKCI
WVPA## PHFO

On November 24, 2010, the SIGMET test for Weather phenomena (WS) is scheduled to occur at 0200 UTC when the three U.S. MWOs issue their test SIGMETs. Look for the following three WMO IDs during this test:

WSAK## PAWU
WSPN## KPCI
WSPA## PHFO

If active SIGMETs are occurring at the proposed date and time, the test will still occur.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact:

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