

NOUS41 KWBC 201235
PNSWSH

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Headquarters Washington DC
835 AM EDT Mon Oct 20 2014

To: Subscribers:
 -Family of Services
 -NOAA Weather Wire Service
 -Emergency Managers Weather Information Network
 -NOAAPort
 Other NWS Partners, Users and Employees

From: David Soroka
 Acting Chief, Marine and Coastal Services Branch

Subject: Soliciting Comments on Proposed Changes to the Hurricane Local Statement through November 21, 2014

Reference: [Soliciting Comments on an Experimental Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product Issued October 20, 2014.](#)

Effective immediately and continuing through November 21, 2014, the NWS is seeking user feedback on proposed changes to the Hurricane Local Statement (HLS) for the 2015 hurricane season.

A recommendation from the Hurricane Irene Service Assessment was to "improve the timing, readability, and usefulness of the HLS issued by NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) when an area is under tropical cyclone threat."

The following changes to the HLS, using input from social scientists, are being proposed for the 2015 hurricane season for the Atlantic Hurricane basin:

- The HLS will not use Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC). Additional information on VTEC can be found online at:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01017003curr.pdf>

- The HLS will contain a succinct meteorological discussion and will have impact and preparedness information for land areas only (no marine areas). Product would be intended for emergency managers, public and media.

This product is meant to be paired with the WFO Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product to provide the complete localized tropical forecast from each WFO. For more information on the Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product, see the Public Information Statement entitled, "Soliciting Comments on an Experimental Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product issued October 20, 2014":

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns14exphurr_tcv.pdf

A Product Description Document on the proposed changes to the HLS can be found at:

https://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD_HLS_ProposedChanges_rev.pdf

A complete list of WFOs affected by the proposed changes above can be found at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/pns/WFOs-affected.pdf>

A static example of the proposed changes to the HLS can be found at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/pns/HLS-example.pdf>

As part of this proposal, the Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product, referenced above, and the Marine Weather Warning (MWW) will become the mechanism for issuing tropical watches/warnings at the WFO level in the Atlantic Hurricane basin.

There will be no change in the current format of the HLS issued by WFOs in the eastern, central and western Pacific Hurricane basins, except tropical cyclone watches and warning for marine zones will be moved to the MWW. WFOs affected are: San Diego, CA; Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA; Honolulu, HI and Guam.

Please provide feedback on the proposed changes at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=HLSPCHNG>

For questions regarding this notice, please contact:

John Kuhn
NWS Marine and Coastal Weather Services Branch
Silver Spring, MD
Telephone: 301-713-1677, x 121
Email: john.f.kuhn@noaa.gov

National Public Information Statements are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive>

\$\$

NNNN