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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Proposed Termination of Earthquake Report Messages through September 15, 2017

Through September 15, 2017, NWS is seeking user feedback on the proposed termination of Earthquake Reports issued by Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs).

Earthquake Reports are legacy messages which were issued prior to contemporary, rapid modes of communication, such as the Internet and email. Earthquake Reports have been issued by WFOs to disseminate earthquake information to the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC), the NWS Tsunami Warning Centers and the public.

Based on new earthquake detection methods and rapid communications technologies, the NEIC and the NWS Tsunami Warning Centers no longer use NWS-issued Earthquake Reports. In addition, the NEIC is the official, national data center and archive for earthquake information. Comprehensive earthquake information, which includes the latest earthquakes and maps, is provided on line at:

https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/
The following NWS text products are proposed for termination:

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