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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-30
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
905 AM EDT THU JUN 10 2010

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
- FAMILY OF SERVICES
- NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
- EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
- OTHER NWS PARTNERS AND USERS
- NWS EMPLOYEES
- USERS OF TSUNAMI PRODUCTS

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN UGC CODES IN NWS TSUNAMI /TSU/ PRODUCTS
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 9 2010

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 2010 AT 1800 UNIVERSAL
COORDINATED TIME /UTC/...OR 1000 AM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME
/PST/ THE NWS WEST COAST/ALASKA TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER
/WC/ATWC/ IN PALMER ALASKA WILL OPERATIONALLY IMPLEMENT
UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ IN CANADA FOR SEVERAL
DOMESTIC TSUNAMI /TSU/ PRODUCTS. IF NOVEMBER 9 IS DECLARED
A NATIONAL CRITICAL WEATHER DAY OR THERE IS AN ONGOING OR
POTENTIAL TSUNAMI EVENT AT THE SCHEDULED EFFECTIVE
TIME...IMPLEMENTATION WILL OCCUR ON THE NEXT WEEKDAY NOT
DECLARED A CRITICAL WEATHER DAY.

UGCS DESCRIBE THE AFFECTED GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE EVENT AND
INCLUDES A PRODUCT EXPIRATION TIME. UGCS ARE PROVIDED FOR
UNITED STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES. THE U.S. METHOD OF
ASSIGNING UGCS WILL EXTEND TO CANADIAN AREAS TO PROVIDE
CONTINUITY OF SERVICE FOR TSUNAMI WATCH... WARNING... AND
ADVISORY PRODUCTS...AND ALLOW MESSAGES TO BE AUTOMATICALLY
INGESTED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT CANADA WEATHER OFFICE
DISSEMINATION SYSTEM.

TABLE 1 BELOW DESCRIBES THE NWS TSUNAMI /TSU/ PRODUCTS THAT
WILL CONTAIN THE CANADIAN UGCS.

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID	ISSUING CENTER
TSUNAMI MESSAGE	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA	WC/ATWC
TSUNAMI MESSAGE	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1	WC/ATWC

EXAMPLES OF CANADIAN UGCS IN TSUNAMI PRODUCTS ARE ONLINE AT
THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES /USE LOWERCASE/:

WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATIONS/RESOURCES/E_COAST.PDF
AND

WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATIONS/RESOURCES/W_COAST.PDF

THE CANADIAN UGCS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CANADIAN LOCATION CODES /CLCS/ CURRENTLY USED FOR THE CANADIAN WEATHER RADIO NETWORK.

CANADIAN TSUNAMI ZONE TO UGC CONVERSION TABLE IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATIONS/RESOURCES/CNDN_TSU.PDF

CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS IN TABLE 1 SHOULD ADD THE ZONES AND UGCS LISTED IN THE CANADIAN TSUNAMI ZONE TO THEIR UGC TABLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PROCESSING THE PRODUCTS IN TABLE 1.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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