

NOUS41 KWBC 251955
PNSWSH

Service Change Notice 14-45
National Weather Service Headquarters Washington DC
356 PM EDT Mon Aug 25 2014

To: Subscribers:
-Family of Services
-NOAA Weather Wire Service
-Emergency Managers Weather Information Network
-NOAAPORT
Other NWS partners and NWS employees

From: Charles McCreery
Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center

Subject: Changes to the Tsunami Threat Message effective
Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Effective Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) in Honolulu, HI, will eliminate the use of alerting terms "watch" and "warning" in its WEPA40 PHEB Tsunami product for the Pacific and instead provide rapid notification of potential tsunami threats. This change is being made at the request of member states of the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System to improve the service.

PTWC will issue Watch/Warning/Advisory products under different headers for U.S. domestic locations which were formerly provided tsunami alerts exclusively through the WEPA40 PHEB product. For further information on these Watch/Warning/Advisory US domestic locations please see:

http://ptwc.weather.gov/about_messages.php

as well as the following recently released Service Change Notices:

For Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn14-43tsunamicca.htm>

For American Samoa:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn1418tsunami_pagoaab.htm

The product is listed below:

Product Name	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADER
-----	-----	-----

Tsunami Threat Message

TSUPAC

WEPA40 PHEB

For more information, please contact:

Charles McCreery
Director, NWS Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
Honolulu HI 96818
phone: 808-725-4301
email: charles.mccreery@noaa.gov

National Service Change Notices are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

\$\$