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Subject: Corrected: Primary Valid Time Event Code becomes
Operational for several products at NWS Weather Forecast
Office Guam effective January 13, 2015

Corrected to change the Service Change Notice number from 14-56
to 14-57 and to add the Typhoon Local Statement (HLS) to the list
of affected products.

On Tuesday January 13, 2015, at 11:00 AM Chamorro Standard Time
(ChST), 0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather
Forecast Office (WFO) at Tiyan, Guam (GUM) will implement the
operational Primary Valid Time Event Code (P-VTEC) for several
weather products.

P-VTEC is used in conjunction with, and provides supplemental
information to, the Universal Geographic Code (UGC) to further
aid in the automated delivery of NWS text products to users.
VTEC provides information on the event; the UGC describes the
affected geographic area.

The implementation of the operational P-VTEC coding means current
use of the letter X, denoting experimental P-VTEC, will change to
the letter O, denoting operational P-VTEC, in WFO GUM products.

For example, current experimental P-VTEC in a Coastal Hazard
Message:

/X.CON.PGUM.SU.Y.0023.000000T0000Z-141026T0600Z/

Will become:

/O.CON.PGUM.SU.Y.0023.000000T0000Z-141026T0600Z/

The following WFO text product categories will transition to
operational P-VTEC:

Product	AWIPS Identifier	WMO Header
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Coastal Hazard Message	CFWMY	WHMY40 PGUM
Flood Watch	FFAMY	WGMY60 PGUM
Non-Precipitation Weather Message	NPWMY	WWMY70 PGUM
Fire Weather Message	RFWMY	WWMY80 PGUM
Typhoon Local Statement	HLSPQ/1-5/	WTPQ8/1-5/ PGUM

These are the final WFO GUM products using experimental P-VTEC that will transition to operational P-VTEC.

Users who parse NWS text watches and warnings must make changes to their communications systems by January 13, 2015, to correctly process each of the above products. If January 13, 2015 is declared a Critical Weather Day or significant weather is occurring at, or forecast for WFO GUM, implementation of this change will occur on the next weekday not declared a Critical Weather Day and when no significant weather is occurring at, or forecast for WFO GUM.

More detailed information on VTEC can be found in NWSI 10-1703, Valid Time Event Code, online at:

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

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