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Subject: Four NWS Southern Region Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will
Stop Issuing Tropical Cyclone Forecast Products: Effective on or about
June 1, 2017

Effective on or about June 1, 2017, four WFOs will no longer issue local
tropical cyclone products:

WFO Albuquerque, NM (ABQ)
WFO Amarillo, TX (AMA)
WFO El Paso, TX (EPZ)
WFO Lubbock, TX (LUB)

Based on tropical cyclone climatological return periods and feedback from
local emergency management, the WFOs listed above will no longer issue the
WFO Hurricane Local Watch/Warning Product (WFO TCV) and Hurricane Local
Statement (HLS). These offices will, instead, use the Non-Precipitation
Warning (NPW) products when hurricane or tropical storm force winds from a
tropical cyclone are expected to impact their area of responsibility.

Below is a listing of tropical products, these office are discontinuing
and their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product
Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) Header.

Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO Header
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Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVABQ	WTUS85
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVAMA	WTUS84
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVEPZ	WTUS84
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVLUB	WTUS84
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSABQ	WTUS85
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSAMA	WTUS84
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSEPZ	WTUS84
Hurricane Local Statement	HLSLUB	WTUS84

Updated information on tropical cyclone product issuances will be online before June 1, 2017, in NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-601 at:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006001curr.pdf>

Below is a listing of tropical products being discontinued with AWIPS identifiers (PILs) and Valid Time Event Code (VTEC).

AWIPS Product -----	AWIPS PIL -----	VTEC -----
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVABQ	TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVAMA	TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVEPZ	TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W
Hurricane Local Watch/Warning	TCVLUB	TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W

Additional information on UGC and VTEC can be found in NWSI 10-1702 and NWSI 10-1703, respectively at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.htm>

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