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Subject: Four NWS WFOs will Stop Issuing Local Tropical Cyclone Forecast
Products: Effective on or about June 1, 2018

Effective on or about June 1, 2018, four NWS Southern Region Weather
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will no longer issue local tropical cyclone
products:

WFO Midland, TX (MAF)
WFO San Angelo, TX (SJT)
WFO Norman, OK (OUN)
WFO Tulsa, OK (TSA)

Based on tropical cyclone climatological return periods and feedback from
local emergency management, the WFOs listed above will no longer issue the
WFO Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning Product (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 the tropical products these WFOs are discontinuing
and their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product
Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) headings.

| Product | AWIPS PIL | WMO Heading |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning | TCVMAF | WTUS84 |
| Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning | TCVSJT | WTUS84 |
| Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning | TCVOUN | WTUS84 |
| Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning | TCVTSA | WTUS84 |
| Hurricane Local Statement | HL SMAF | WTUS84 |
| Hurricane Local Statement | HL SSJT | WTUS84 |
| Hurricane Local Statement | HL SOUN | WTUS84 |
| Hurricane Local Statement | HL STSA | WTUS84 |

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

| AWIPS Product ----- | AWIPS PIL ----- | VTEC ---- |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Hurricane Local Watch/Warning | TCVMAF | TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W |
| Hurricane Local Watch/Warning | TCVSJT | TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W |
| Hurricane Local Watch/Warning | TCVOUN | TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W |
| Hurricane Local Watch/Warning | TCVTSA | TR.A, TR.W, HU.A, HU.W |

Updated information on tropical cyclone product issuances will be online before June 1, 2018, in NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-601:

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

Additional information on Universal Geographic Code (UGC) and VTEC can be found in NWSI 10-1702 and NWSI 10-1703, respectively at:

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

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