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SUBJECT:    The National Tsunami Warning Center National East  
              Coast Exercise LANTEX20 on March 24, 2020

The National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) will be conducting the national East Coast exercise LANTEX20 on Tuesday, March 24, at 1200 UTC (0800 EDT). Bulletin #1 will start this exercise and go out at 1205 UTC (0805 EDT). At this point, all participants are to refer to the LANTEX20 booklet for guidance. Those wishing to participate can download this document at <https://www.tsunami.gov/exercises/LANTEX20Final.pdf>

The intended recipients of the communication tests include designated national focal points, state/territorial warning points, coastal Weather Forecast Offices, U.S. Coast Guard, and critical military dissemination points.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be consistent with the product changes implemented by SCN18-94: Changes to Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC) and Event Tracking Numbers (ETN) for Domestic Tsunami Test Products, Effective April 1, 2019  
[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec\\_tsunami.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec_tsunami.pdf)

VTEC codes for the test messages will start with the /T fixed identifier versus /O for operational messages. To provide additional assurance that a test message is not inadvertently distributed as an actual Warning/Advisory/Watch product, Event Tracking Numbers (ETN) for the test messages will begin with 9 as the leading digit of the four character code. The text products affected by routine monthly tsunami communication testing are the national tsunami products issued under the following AWIPS Product Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (ID):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
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Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for U.S. Atlantic Coast	TSUAT1	WEXX20

Gulf Coast, and Canada  
East Coast

Public Tsunami W/W/A                    TSUATE                    WEXX30  
for U.S. Atlantic Coast  
Gulf Coast, and Canada  
East Coast

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly.  
WFOs taking part in the national monthly tsunami communications  
test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Eastern Region

Boston, MA (BOX)  
Caribou, ME (CAR)  
Charleston, SC (CHS)  
Gray/Portland, ME (GYX)  
Mount Holly, NJ (PHI)  
Newport/Morehead City, NC (MHX)  
New York, NY (OKX)  
Sterling, VA (LWX)  
Wakefield, VA (AKQ)  
Wilmington, NC (ILM)

NWS Southern Region

Brownsville, TX (BRO)  
Corpus Christi, TX (CRP)  
Houston, TX (HGX)  
Jacksonville, FL (JAX)  
Key West, FL (KEY)  
Lake Charles, LA (LCH)  
Melbourne, FL (MLB)  
Miami, FL (MFL)  
Mobile, AL (MOB)  
New Orleans, LA (LIX)  
Tallahassee, FL (TAE)  
Tampa Bay Area, FL (TBW)

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