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SUBJECT: Updated: The National Tsunami Warning Center
 National East Coast Exercise LANTEX20 has been
 postponed until further notice

Updated to postpone the National East Coast Exercise LANTEX20 originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 1200 UTC (0800 EDT) until further notice.

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

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 TSUAT1 WEXX20
for U.S. Atlantic Coast
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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