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Service Change Notice 20-27 Updated
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Subject: Updated: Four NWS Eastern Region WFOs will NOT
 begin issuing tropical cyclone forecast products as
 previously planned for the 2020 hurricane season

Updated to reflect that the NWS Eastern Region Weather Forecast
Offices (WFO) that were previously scheduled to add the ability
to issue tropical cyclone forecast products will not do so in
2020.

The following WFOs will not add the capability to issue the WFO
tropical cyclone (TC) product suite as previously scheduled to
begin on or about June 1, 2020:

WFO Burlington, VT (BTV)
WFO Binghamton, NY (BGM)
WFO State College, PA (CTP)

In addition, WFO Albany, NY (ALY) will not expand issuance of the
tropical cyclone product suite for their entire county warning area.
WFO Albany will continue to issue tropical cyclone products only for
Litchfield County, CT, and Berkshire County, MA.

Implementation of the WFO TC product suite, which includes TC Local
Watch/Warning Products (TCV), Hurricane Local Statements (HLS), Extreme
Wind Warnings (EWW), and Post TC Reports (PSH), will occur at a later
date to be determined.

Therefore, no services will change from last hurricane season for these
four Eastern Region WFOs (BTV, BGM, CTP and ALY).

NWS plans to adopt the capability to issue TC products at these offices in
the future based on tropical cyclone climatological return periods. This
change will help maintain consistency of service with neighboring WFOs
during high impact tropical events.

Updated information on NWS local TC products from WFOs will be online
before June 1, 2020, in NWS Instruction (NWSI)

NWSI 10-601 at:
<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.php>

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