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From: Charles McCreery
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Subject: International Tsunami Graphical and Statistical Forecast Products
for the Pacific Basin to Become Operational: Effective October 1, 2014

Effective Wednesday October 1, 2014, at 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the new International Tsunami and Statistical Forecast Products issued by the NWS Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) in Honolulu, HI, will transition to operational status. These PTWC graphical and forecast statistical products provide information to non-U.S. Pacific countries (with the exception of Canada). These products are issued for information only in support of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (UNESCO/IOC) Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System.

This graphical and statistical threat information will only be sent by email to a country's designated Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP) to support decision-making by that country's tsunami warning organization. The existing tsunami threat messages will also be included within the email. The tsunami warning organization may use the PTWC information as primary or supplemental guidance for determining its level of alert, and is responsible for issuing applicable alert levels such as warnings and watches to its own emergency management and stakeholder agencies and/or the public.

Presentation formats:

Graphical forecasts and forecast statistics are disseminated via email only to country TWFPs:

- Coastal Tsunami Amplitude Forecast Polygon Map - Overview
- Deep-Ocean Tsunami Amplitude Forecast Map - Pacific-wide with Tsunami Travel Times
- Coastal Tsunami Amplitude Forecast Map - Pacific-wide and Regional, with Tsunami Travel Times
- Coastal Tsunami Amplitude Forecast KMZ - input to Google Earth Table of Forecast Statistics for Regional Polygons:

The corresponding Tsunami threat messages (WEPA40 PHEB) will also be included within the email.

The Product Description Document (PDD) with examples is online at:

https://products.weather.gov/PDD/International%20Pacific%20Tsunami%20Product%20Description%20Document%20_9_Final.pdf

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