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Subject: Corrected: Primary Valid Time Event Code Becomes Operational for  
Several Products at NWS Weather Forecast Office Guam: Effective January  
13, 2015

Corrected to change the Service Change Notice number from 14-56 to 14-57  
and to add the Typhoon Local Statement (HLS) to the list of affected  
products.

On Tuesday January 13, 2015, at 11:00 AM Chamorro Standard Time (ChST),  
0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office  
(WFO) at Tiyan, Guam (GUM) will implement the operational Primary Valid  
Time Event Code (P-VTEC) for several weather products.

P-VTEC is used in conjunction with, and provides supplemental information  
to, the Universal Geographic Code (UGC) to further aid in the automated  
delivery of NWS text products to users. VTEC provides information on the  
event; the UGC describes the affected geographic area.

The implementation of the operational P-VTEC coding means current use of  
the letter X, denoting experimental P-VTEC, will change to the letter O,  
denoting operational P-VTEC, in WFO GUM products.

For example, current experimental P-VTEC in a Coastal Hazard Message:

/X.CON.PGUM.SU.Y.0023.000000T0000Z-141026T0600Z/

Will become:

/O.CON.PGUM.SU.Y.0023.000000T0000Z-141026T0600Z/

The following WFO text product categories will transition to operational P-VTEC:

Product -----	AWIPS Identifier -----	WMO Header -----
Coastal Hazard Message	CFWMY	WHMY40 PGUM
Flood Watch	FFAMY	WGMY60 PGUM
Non-Precipitation Weather Message	NPWMY	WWMY70 PGUM
Fire Weather Message	RFWMY	WWMY80 PGUM
Typhoon Local Statement	HLSPQ/1-5/	WTPQ8/1-5/ PGUM

These are the final WFO GUM products using experimental P-VTEC that will transition to operational P-VTEC.

Users who parse NWS text watches and warnings must make changes to their communications systems by January 13, 2015, to correctly process each of the above products. If January 13, 2015 is declared a Critical Weather Day (CWD) or significant weather is occurring at, or forecast for WFO GUM, implementation of this change will occur on the next weekday not declared a CWD and when no significant weather is occurring at, or forecast for WFO GUM.

More detailed information on VTEC can be found in NWSI 10-1703, Valid Time Event Code, online at:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01017003curr.pdf>

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