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Subject: Updated: Transfer of Tsunami Products for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands from National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC): Effective April 3, 2017

Updated effective date established as April 3, 2017 and corrected PTWC Spanish product headers to:

WMO Header AWIPS ID
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WECA50 PHEB TSUSP1 (from TSUSPN)
Product: Spanish Public Tsunami Warning/Watch/Advisory

WMO Header AWIPS ID
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WECA52 PHEB TIBSP1 (from TIBSPN)
Product: Spanish Tsunami Information Statement

and to correct Caribbean Spanish product headers issued by NTWC:

WMO Header AWIPS ID
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WEXX40 PAAQ TSUSPA (from TSUSPN)
Product: Spanish Tsunami Warning/Watch/Advisory - Atlantic

WMO Header AWIPS ID
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WEXX42 PAAQ TIBSPA (from TIBSPN)
Product: Spanish Tsunami Information Statement - Atlantic

In order to improve consistency of services for the Caribbean, responsibility for Tsunami Watch, Warning and Advisory Messages and Tsunami Information Statements for Puerto Rico and the U.S. and British Virgin Islands will be transferred from the NTWC to the PTWC. This transfer will be effective April 3, 2017. This updated SCN eliminates the potential for conflicting products issued from the PTWC and the NTWC by changing the AWIPS Headers of the Spanish products as indicated above.

Due to circumstances involving development of the tsunami.gov website, the effective date was previously delayed. Those issues have been resolved, and the website now incorporates the NTWC and PTWC content and products. Previously used World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Header and Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) ID dissemination header information associated with NTWC Tsunami products for Puerto Rico and the U.S. and British Virgin Islands will remain in place until the date of service transfer.

New Caribbean products issued by PTWC:

WMO Header	AWIPS ID	Description
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WECA40 PHEB	TSUCAR	English Public Tsunami Warning/Watch/Advisory
WECA60 PHEB	TSUCA1	Segmented English Tsunami Warning/Watch/Advisory
WECA42 PHEB	TIBCAR	English Tsunami Information Statement

Current Caribbean products that will continue to be issued by PTWC for countries within and bordering the Caribbean and adjacent seas:

WMO Header	AWIPS ID	Description
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WECA41 PHEB	TSUCAX	Tsunami Threat Message
WECA43 PHEB	TIBCAx	Tsunami Information Statement

Non-Spanish product headers for the Atlantic basin issued by NTWC will not change, but the content will no longer include information for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

All products issued by the TWCs along with their WMO IDs, AWIPS IDs, Product Names, and regions can be found here:

http://tsunami.gov/?page=product_list

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