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Subject: U.S. SIGMET Testing During November 2014

The three United States Meteorological Watch Offices (MWOs) in Kansas City, MO, Anchorage, AK and Honolulu, HI will participate in the annual International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Asia and Pacific (APAC) Region Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMET) tests to be conducted during November, 2014. These tests serve as an important exercise to test communications and will include tropical cyclone (WC), volcanic ash (WV), and other weather phenomena (WS) SIGMETs. The valid period for each test is 10 minutes.

On November 12, 2014 at 0200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the three U.S. MWOs will coordinate with the Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers (VAACs) in Anchorage, AK and Washington, DC and issue test Volcanic Ash SIGMETs. The following SIGMET World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers will be used during this test:

WVAK## PAWU
WVPA## PHFO
WVPN## KKCI

On November 19, 2014 at 0200 UTC, the three U.S. MWOs will issue test SIGMETs for other weather phenomena. The following SIGMET WMO headers will be used during this test:

WSAK## PAWU
WSPA## PHFO
WSPN## KKCI

If active SIGMETs are occurring at the proposed date and time, the test will still continue using the next available SIGMET series.

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