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Subject: Corrected: Soliciting Comments on Proposed Changes to the
 Hurricane Local Statement (HLS) from Weather
 Forecast Office (WFO) Honolulu (HFO) Through
 January 6, 2017

Corrected to identify WFO Honolulu as HFO.

Effective immediately and continuing through January 6, 2017,
the National Weather Service (NWS) is seeking user feedback on
proposed changes to the HLS issued by WFO HFO during the 2017
hurricane season.

WFO HFO proposes to issue the HLS product in the same format as
those issued for the Atlantic hurricane basin during the 2015
and 2016 hurricane seasons on an operational basis.

The following changes to the HLS were operationally implemented
in 2015 for the Atlantic Hurricane basin:

1. The HLS is a non-segmented product - No Universal
Geographical Code (UGC).
2. No Valid Time Event Codes (VTEC).
3. Succinct meteorological discussion, impact and preparedness
product for land areas only. Product is intended for
emergency managers, public and media.

Additional information on UGC and VTEC can be found in NWS
Instruction (NWSI) 10-1701 and NWSI 10-1703 respectively. These
directives are available online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.htm>

An example of the HLS format proposed to be issued by WFO HFO
beginning in the 2017 hurricane season can be found at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/pns/HLSHFO_fullTest-1.txt

If this change becomes operational, the HLS will no longer be the disseminating mechanism for land-based tropical cyclone watches and warnings for WFO HFO. Feedback is currently being solicited on implementing the Hurricane Local Watch/Warning product (TCV)(operational at WFOs in the Atlantic Hurricane basin) as the new mechanism for issuing tropical watches/warnings at WFO HFO in 2017 at this survey:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=TCVHNL>

These proposed changes are already operational at NWS Atlantic basin WFOs. For further details, please see Service Change Notice 14-66:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn14-66hls_aab.htm

Feedback on the new HLS format will be accepted via electronic survey at the following link:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=HNLHLS>

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