TsunamiReady® Guidelines

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TsunamiReady® Guidelines Main Points for MES Discussion

- Major changes/revisions during review process
- Admin and implementation thoughts
- Grandfathering
- TsunamiReady Boards
- Where we go from here

TsunamiReady® Guidelines Comment Review

- Comments adjudicated:
 - Referred to a "TsunamiReady Board" as the interpreter(s) of TsunamiReady Guidelines recommendations. The Board includes servicing NWS/WFO Warning Coordination Meteorologist, local emergency management representative, and others such as state emergency management and NTHMP partners.

TsunamiReady® Guidelines Implementation

- Renewal of existing TR Communities/Counties
 - Grandfathering
 - Timing of implementation/transition
- Recognition of new TR Communities/Counties
- Development of formal TR "Boards"
 - National, regional, state, local

TsunamiReady® Guidelines Grandfathering

- Because the proposed TR Guidelines are so closely similar to the existing TR Guidelines, feedback from piloting the proposed Guidelines is indicating that a formal "grandfathering" period may not be necessary. TR communities are able to convert to meeting the proposed Guidelines easily.
- "Grandfathering" if necessary will be worked out and explained in the TR administrative directive.

TsunamiReady® Guidelines Grandfathering

If after the three-year cycle has passed and the community has made substantial progress* as determined by the local WCM and State **Emergency Management Agency in attempting** to meet the new standards but cannot fully comply, the community may be authorized one (1) additional year in which to bring the program into conformity with the current adopted guidelines.

TsunamiReady® Guidelines TsunamiReady Supporter

An organization, business, facility, or local government entity that has authority to adopt the TsunamiReady® recognition guidelines within its purview, actively promotes the principals of TsunamiReady®, but does not have the ability to meet all of the recognition guidelines. Some examples of potential TsunamiReady® Supporters might include, but are not limited to: businesses, churches, hospitals, shopping centers, malls, utilities, museums, aquariums, villages, small communities, and individual schools, and broadcasters/broadcast stations.

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*Substantial progress – shall be defined as?

TsunamiReady® Guidelines Next Steps

- Draft new model TsunamiReady® Application
- Draft Implementation directions and guidance, including "grandfathering"
- Complete pilot project for Guidelines trial
- Federal Open Comment Period (completed)
- NTHMP and NWS Formal Review
- Office of Management & Budget (OMB) approval of new application
- Launch, promote, market

Questions?

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