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Subject: Correction to NWS Shapefile Attributes for the Commonwealth of
the Northern Mariana Islands: Effective September 13, 2022

Effective Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) or Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 AM Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), the NWS Shapefiles Attributes database will be corrected to reflect the attributes maintained by the Bureau of the Census for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This change will affect the State and Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) attributes. The effective date of this change is sooner than specified by NWS Instruction 10-1805 for two primary reasons. First, it is a minimal database correction. Second, users will be able to make this correction on the same day (September 13, 2022) that other NWS Shapefiles are updated, per our twice-yearly change cycle.

The NWS's U.S. Counties dataset is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/Counties>

Table 1: New State Shapefile Attribute

Former Attribute	New Attribute
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Table 2: New FIPS Codes

Location	Former Attribute	New Attribute
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Rota	66100	69100
Aguijan	66120	69120
Tinian	66120	69120
Saipan	66110	69110

If September 13, 2022 (at 2000 UTC) is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to September 14, 2022 at 2000 UTC.

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