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Potential for Tsunami Threat Remains Under Investigation from Distant Earthquake

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 8.0 that occurred near the Kermadec Islands, New Zealand at 5:28 a.m. (ChST), Friday, March 5, 2021, with a depth of 10.0 km.

As advised by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, there is a possibility for a tsunami threat to Guam and CNMI from the distant earthquake, though it remains under investigation at this time. If there is a tsunami threat to Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, the earliest impacts would be around 2:24 p.m. (ChST) on March 5, 2021.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense, working with partners from the National Weather Service and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, will issue additional information as it becomes available.

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