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Tsunami Alerts Issued Following Powerful Earthquake Off Russian Coast

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A major earthquake off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula has triggered tsunami warnings for parts of the Pacific region, including Hawaii. Officials continue to monitor wave activity after a series of strong seismic events struck near the Russian coast.

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), a magnitude 7.4 earthquake was recorded near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a city on Russia's far eastern peninsula. The

quake, which occurred in the Pacific Ocean roughly 88 miles (142 kilometers) from the city, was part of a sequence of tremors that struck in close succession. Additional quakes with preliminary magnitudes of 7.0, 6.7, and 6.6 were also recorded shortly thereafter.

The United States Tsunami Warning System issued a statement forecasting tsunami waves between 0.3 to 1 meter above normal tide levels along certain coastal areas of Russia. Smaller wave activity was projected for regions including Japan, the Midway Atoll, and Hawaii.

In response, Hawaii's Department of Emergency Management issued a tsunami watch, advising residents to stay alert and prepare for potential action. "A Tsunami Watch means a tsunami is possible, but the situation is still being evaluated," the agency stated in a public safety alert shared via social media.

Though tsunami waves had not yet been confirmed at the time of reporting, local authorities across the Pacific Rim took precautionary measures amid the threat of coastal flooding and marine hazards. Emergency systems in Russia and the United States remained active, with geologists and disaster response teams closely observing aftershock activity and wave movements.

The Kamchatka Peninsula, situated along the seismically active Pacific Ring of Fire, is no stranger to tectonic shifts. However, the strength and cluster of these recent quakes emphasize the ongoing vulnerability of coastal areas to sudden geological events.