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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY
600 AM EDT MON MAR 14 2016

...THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK...

TODAYS TOPIC IS NOAAS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ADVANCED
HYDROLOGICAL PREDICTION SERVICE (AHPS).

AHPS IS AN ONGOING EFFORT TO MODERNIZE FLOOD FORECASTING SERVICES.
IT PROVIDES IMPROVED RIVER AND FLOOD FORECASTS AND WATER INFORMATION
ACROSS AMERICA TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY AND ENSURE THE NATIONS
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

EVERYONE WHO MAKES DECISIONS BASED ON WATER...INCLUDING FARMERS...
RIVER BOAT PILOTS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS...MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY
OFFICIALS...RECREATIONISTS AND DAM OPERATORS...CAN BENEFIT FROM
AHPS. BECAUSE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...AHPS WILL HELP EMERGENCY
MANAGERS BE MORE PROACTIVE TO FIGHT A FLOOD. AHPS PROVIDES
INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO MAKE BETTER
LIFE- AND PROPERTY-SAVING DECISIONS BEFORE A FLOOD. THE NAVIGATION
COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN WITH BETTER CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMIZE
BARGE AND SHIPPING OPERATIONS...SAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH
YEAR. RECREATIONAL USERS WILL BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF HARMS WAY.

AHPS...WITH ITS SUITE OF ENHANCED INFORMATION...PROVIDES THE PUBLIC
WITH MORE DETAILED AND ACCURATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS...HOW HIGH WILL THE RIVERS RISE...WHEN WILL THE RIVER
REACH ITS PEAK...WHERE WILL THE FLOODING OCCUR...HOW LONG WILL THE
FLOOD LAST...HOW LONG WILL THE DROUGHT LAST...HOW CERTAIN IS THE
FORECAST.

TO ACCESS AHPS FOR THE NWS NEW YORK NY SERVICE AREA GO TO THE
FOLLOWING WEB SITE.

[HTTP://WATER.WEATHER.GOV/AHPS2/INDEX.PHP?WFO=OKX](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=okx)

THE TOPICS THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON THE REST OF THIS WEEK ARE...
TUESDAY...TURN AROUND DONT DROWN.
WEDNESDAY...FLOODING AND RELATED PHENOMENA.
THURSDAY...FLOOD INSURANCE.
FRIDAY...FLOOD SAFETY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK USE THIS WEB SITE...

[HTTP://WWW.FLOODSAFETY.NOAA.GOV](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov)

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