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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY
MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS...NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...NWS
EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING
FROM JUNE 5 TO JULY 21 2006

THE HAZCOLLECT OPERATIONAL ACCEPTANCE TEST IS SCHEDULED FROM
JUNE 5 TO JULY 21 2006. HAZCOLLECT IS A SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE
NWS TO RELAY EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM NON-NWS SOURCES USING
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND NWS SYSTEMS.

HAZCOLLECT TESTING WILL SEND NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY TEXT
PRODUCTS WITH THE FOLLOWING WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
/WMO/ HEADINGS:

WOUSII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES
WOAKII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN ALASKA
WOCA42 TJSJ FOR PRODUCTS IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN
ISLANDS
WOHW40 PHFO... WOGM40 PGUM AND WOZS40 NSTU FOR PRODUCTS IN
THE PACIFIC AREA

AWIPS IDENTIFIERS /NNNXXX/ WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH PRODUCT
WHERE NNN IS THE AWIPS PRODUCT CATEGORY AND XXX IS THE
IDENTIFIER OF THE RELAYING NWS OFFICE OR THE TWO-LETTER UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE /USPS/ ID OF THE AFFECTED STATE OR
TERRITORY. THE FOLLOWING AWIPS IDENTIFIER PRODUCT CATEGORIES
/NNN/ ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN EACH OF THE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED
BY THE WMO HEADINGS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

AWIPS NNN MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR /MND/ PRODUCT TYPE LINE

ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOWUP STATEMENT
AVA AVALANCHE WATCH
AVW AVALANCHE WARNING
CAE CHILD ABDUCTION EMERGENCY
CDW CIVIL DANGER WARNING
CEM CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE

EQW EARTHQUAKE WARNING
 EVI EVACUATION IMMEDIATE
 FRW FIRE WARNING
 HMW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WARNING
 LEW LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING
 LAE LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY
 TOE 911 TELEPHONE OUTAGE EMERGENCY
 NUW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WARNING
 RHW RADIOLOGICAL HAZARD WARNING
 SPW SHELTER IN PLACE
 VOW VOLCANO WARNING

PLEASE PREPARE FOR TRANSMISSION OF TEST MESSAGES BETWEEN JUNE 5 AND JULY 21 2006. ALMOST ALL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE SENT AS PRODUCT CATEGORY ADR TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON USERS OF NWS INFORMATION AND NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES. MESSAGES WILL BE SENT ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE BELOW. TEST MESSAGES WILL BE ONE OF TWO TYPES:

1. A NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE ORIGINATED EACH TUESDAY/JUNE 6...JUNE 13 ...JUNE 20...JUNE 27...JULY 11... AND JULY 18/ AND ON JUNE 7 AND JULY 6 TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MESSAGES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. NATIONAL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE DISSEMINATED UNDER WMO HEADINGS INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE AND WITH AN ASSOCIATED AWIPS IDENTIFIER ADRXX WHERE XX IS THE TWO-LETTER USPS ID OF A STATE OR TERRITORY.

2. LOCAL TEST MESSAGES ORIGINATED BY LOCAL OR STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF EACH OF THE LISTED NWS OFFICES. MULTIPLE LOCAL TEST PRODUCTS ARE PLANNED IN THE LOCALE OF EACH NAMED CITY/STATE ON THE DATES GIVEN NEXT TO THE CITY/STATE NAME. A LOCAL TEST MESSAGE IS PLANNED IN THE AREA OF EACH OF THE TEST LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW AT ABOUT 1000 AM LOCAL TIME EACH DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY STARTING ON THE RESPECTIVE DATES AND CONTINUING THROUGH JUNE 23. LOCAL NWS OFFICES WILL ISSUE LOCAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ONE OR MORE DAYS BEFORE TESTING BEGINS.

PITTSBURGH PA	JUNE 5-6
PADUCAH KY	JUNE 12-13
SACRAMENTO CA	JUNE 19-20
MONTEREY CA	JUNE 19-20
ANCHORAGE AK	JULY 5-6

VARIOUS PARAMETERS OF THE TEST MESSAGES WILL CHANGE...SUCH AS MESSAGE TYPE...CREATION TIME...SOURCE AND NWS OFFICE...AND TEST MESSAGE NUMBER. MOST HAZCOLLECT TEST MESSAGES ARE INTENDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED OVER ALL NWS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. HOWEVER... THE ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT IS NOT INTENDED FOR EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM /EAS/ BROADCAST.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

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ADRPBZ

PAC005-251445-

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG SILVER SPRING MD
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PITTSBURGH PA
1030 AM EDT TUE APR 25 2006

THIS MESSAGE IS FOR TEST PURPOSES ONLY. THIS IS TEST MESSAGE
NUMBER 1.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG.

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE. THIS IS A TEST OF THE CAPABILITY TO
RELAY EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM NON-NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
SOURCES USING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND NWS SYSTEMS.
THIS TEST MESSAGE MAY BE RELAYED BY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM
PARTICIPATING STATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE EAS
PLANS.

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE. DO NOT TAKE ACTION BASED ON THIS TEST
MESSAGE.

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END SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE.

INFORMATION ON THE HAZCOLLECT PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE
HAZCOLLECT WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/HAZCOLLECT](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/HAZCOLLECT)

NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE ORIGINATED BY
LOCAL...STATE OR FEDERAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND AT THEIR REQUEST
MAY BE RELAYED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN NON-WEATHER
RELATED TEXT PRODUCTS... AND OVER NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS
/NWR/ AND THE EAS. NWS DOES NOT INITIATE NON-WEATHER RELATED
EMERGENCY MESSAGES. NWS INSTRUCTION 10-518 INCLUDES THE
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THESE PRODUCTS. NWS INSTRUCTION 10-518
APPENDIX C DEFINES CONTENT GUIDELINES FOR EACH NON-WEATHER
EMERGENCY MESSAGE TYPE.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-518 IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT /USE
LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005018CURR.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/PD01005018CURR.PDF)

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[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notif.htm)

THIS MESSAGE IS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE...ABOVE THE
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE AND TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE BOX.

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