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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
220 PM EST FRI NOV 3 2006

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 NOVEMBER 7 TO 22 2006

A HAZCOLLECT FIELD OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED FROM  
NOVEMBER 7 TO NOVEMBER 22 2006. HAZCOLLECT IS A SYSTEM DEVELOPED  
BY 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 NOVEMBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 22 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 TO ORIGINATE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8 AT ABOUT 1815 UTC /UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME/ OR 115 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MESSAGES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE 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 TO ORIGINATE BY LOCAL OR STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF EACH OF THE LISTED NWS OFFICES. MULTIPLE LOCAL TEST PRODUCTS ARE PLANNED IN FLORIDA... SOUTHERN GEORGIA AND SOUTHWEST ALABAMA ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8. 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 NOVEMBER 22. LOCAL NWS OFFICES WILL ISSUE LOCAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ONE OR MORE DAYS BEFORE TESTING BEGINS.

TALLAHASSEE FL NOVEMBER 7  
PADUCAH KY NOVEMBER 13  
SACRAMENTO CA NOVEMBER 13  
MONTEREY CA NOVEMBER 13

VARIOUS PARAMETERS OF THE TEST MESSAGES WILL CHANGE...SUCH AS MESSAGE TYPE...CREATION TIME...SOURCE AND NWS OFFICE...AND TEST MESSAGE NUMBER. HAZCOLLECT TEST MESSAGES ARE INTENDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED OVER ALL NWS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. THE ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE BROADCAST ON THE NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS NETWORK BUT IN MOST GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE COUNTRY LOCAL AND STATE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM /EAS/ PLANS DO NOT INTEND FOR THE ADR MESSAGE TO BE BROADCAST.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT  
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG SILVER SPRING MD  
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STATE COLLEGE PA  
115 PM EST WED NOV 8 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. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE 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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THIS MESSAGE IS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE...ABOVE THE  
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE AND TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE BOX.

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