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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS SOLICITED ON EXPERIMENTAL COMMON ALERTING  
PROTOCOL VERSION 1.1 MESSAGES

NWS IS ACCEPTING COMMENTS THROUGH DECMEBER 1 2008 ON EXPERIMENTAL  
ENHANCED INTERNET BASED FEEDS OF NWS WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS  
FORMATED USING THE XML BASED COMMON ALERTING PROTOCOL /CAP/ FORMAT  
VERSION 1.1. THESE FEEDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER  
CASE LETTERS/

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/ALERTS-BETA/](http://www.weather.gov/alerts-beta/)

THIS URL WILL ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAP FORMAT.

COMMENTS ON THE ATOM FEED AND NWS CAP 1.1 MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT AT THE  
FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=ATOM](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=atom)

THIS VERSION USES THE XML BASED ATOM FORMAT TO PROVIDE STATE AND  
NATIONAL INDEXES FOR ACTIVE CAP MESSAGES AS WELL AS XML STYLE SHEETS TO  
TRANSFORM THE MESSAGES INTO HUMAN READABLE FORM. THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES  
FEATURE MORE DETAILED PRE-PARSING OF NWS TEXT MESSAGES THAN HAS BEEN  
OFFERED PREVIOUSLY. USERS OF THE EXISTING CAP FEED OFFERED AT  
[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/ALERTS/](http://www.weather.gov/alerts/) ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE THE NEW CAP  
1.1 VERSION MESSAGES CLOSELY. IT IS EXPECTED THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES WILL  
REPLACE THE EXISTING NWS CAP MESSAGES IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS. HOWEVER  
IT IS EXPECTED THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES WILL UNDERGO SOME CHANGES DURING  
THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD AS COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED.

THE FEEDBACK PERIOD FOR THIS EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE WILL  
EXTEND THROUGH DECEMBER 1 2008. NWS ENCOURAGES ITS PARTNERS AND  
CUSTOMERS TO FILL OUT THE ABOVE SURVEY ON THIS FORMAT.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE...  
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/USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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