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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING  
FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 5

A HAZCOLLECT FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION IS SCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 5 2008. 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 SEPTEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 5 2008. ALMOST ALL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE SENT AS PRODUCT CATEGORY ADR TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON USERS OF NWS INFORMATION AND NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE BELOW. TEST MESSAGES WILL BE ONE OF TWO TYPES:

1. A NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 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. ANOTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED CONFIRMING THE DATE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE NATIONAL TEST.

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 KENTUCKY ON SEPTEMBER 17-18. 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 DECEMBER 5. LOCAL NWS OFFICES WILL ISSUE LOCAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ONE OR MORE DAYS BEFORE TESTING BEGINS.

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| PADUCAH KY     | SEPTEMBER 17 |
| PITTSBURGH PA  | SEPTEMBER 29 |
| MONTEREY CA    | OCTOBER 6    |
| HONOLULU HI    | OCTOBER 21   |
| ANCHORAGE AK   | OCTOBER 28   |
| TALLAHASSEE FL | NOVEMBER 4   |

VARIOUS PARAMETERS OF THE TEST MESSAGES MAY 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... INCLUDING NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS. THE ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP TEST MESSAGES MAY BE RELAYED BY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM /EAS/ PARTICIPATING STATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH

LOCAL AND STATE EAS PLANS.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

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ADRPA  
PAC000-301845-

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  
215 PM EDT TUE SEP 30 2008

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.WEATHER.GOV/OS/HAZCOLLECT/](http://www.weather.gov/os/HAZCOLLECT/)

NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE ORIGINATED BY  
LOCAL...STATE OR FEDERAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND... AT THEIR  
REQUEST... NWS MAY RELAY THEM 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 ONLINE AT /USE LOWER  
CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005018CURR.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/PD01005018CURR.PDF)

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