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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EST THU NOV 13 2008

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SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE NATIONAL
TEST TO BE SENT ON NOVEMBER 18 2008

REFERENCE: PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT ISSUED SEPTEMBER 16 2008
ON HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING
FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 5

AS PART OF THE ONGOING HAZCOLLECT TESTING...A NATIONAL TEST
MESSAGE WILL BE SENT ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 AT ABOUT 1915 UTC
/UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME/ OR 215 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME TO
TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MESSAGES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.
THE NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE WILL BE DISSEMINATED AS A SERIES OF STATE
MESSAGES UNDER THE FOLLOWING WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/
HEADINGS:

WOUSII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES
WOAK48 PAFC FOR ALASKA
WOCA42 TJSJ FOR PRODUCTS IN PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN
ISLANDS
WOHW40 PHFO... WOGM40 PGUM AND WOZS40 NSTU FOR PRODUCTS IN
THE PACIFIC AREA

WHERE CCCC IS THE FOUR-CHARACTER WMO IDENTIFIER FOR THE STATE-
LIAISON NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE...AND II REPRESENTS THE
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE MESSAGE AND SHOULD RANGE FROM 40 TO 49.

THE MESSAGES WILL ALSO CARRY AN ASSOCIATED ADVANCED WEATHER
INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER ADRXX WHERE XX IS
THE TWO-LETTER U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IDENTIFIER OF A STATE OR
TERRITORY. 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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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 EST THU NOV 18 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 WEBSITE 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 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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