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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1050 AM EDT TUE MAR 10 2009

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE NATIONAL
TEST TO BE SENT ON MARCH 19 2009

AS PART OF ONGOING HAZCOLLECT TESTING...NWS WILL SEND A NATIONAL
TEST MESSAGE ON THURSDAY MARCH 19 AT ABOUT 1815 UTC /UNIVERSAL
COORDINATED TIME/ OR 215 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT 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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ADRFL
FLC000-DDHHMM-

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG SILVER SPRING MD
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALLAHASSEE FL
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-NWS 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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DM5118118676012233728/5712239571143566336

END SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE.

INFORMATION ON THE HAZCOLLECT PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE
HAZCOLLECT WEB SITE AT:

[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:

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

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