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

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
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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 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...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 INTERACTIVE
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
WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[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/:

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

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