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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY
MESSAGE NATIONAL TEST TO BE SENT ON MARCH 9
2010

CORRECTED TO REMOVE THE MENTION OF ADDITIONAL TEST
MESSAGES BEING SENT FOR COASTAL OR GREAT LAKES MARINE
ZONES. THE MESSAGES SENT DURING THE MARCH 9 2010 NATIONAL
TEST WILL INCLUDE ONLY LAND AREAS OF THE STATES AND U.S.
TERRITORIES. TESTING OF MARINE ZONES MAY BE CONDUCTED ON
A FUTURE DATE.

AS PART OF THE ONGOING HAZCOLLECT TESTING...A NATIONAL
TEST MESSAGE WILL BE SENT ON TUESDAY MARCH 9 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
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 41 TO 46.

THE MESSAGES WILL ALSO CARRY AN ASSOCIATED ADVANCED
WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER

ADRX... 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.

THE TEST MESSAGE WILL NOT HAVE A UGC CODE FOR ANY STATE IN WHICH LOCAL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES ADVISE THE HAZCOLLECT TEST DIRECTOR THERE IS A THREAT OF SEVERE WEATHER ON THE DAY OF THE SCHEDULED TEST. ADDITIONALLY TEST MESSAGES WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED TO KANSAS AND MISSOURI DURING THE NATIONAL TEST. BOTH STATES ARE CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK TORNADO DRILLS ON MARCH 9.

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 TALLAHASSEE FL
215 PM EST THU NOV 19 2009

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 LOWERCASE/:

[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 LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005018CURR.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01005018curr.pdf)

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