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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
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FROM: THERESE PIERCE  
ACTING CHIEF  
PERFORMANCE AND AWARENESS DIVISION  
OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE ALL  
MARINE ZONE TEST TO BE CONDUCTED MARCH 22 2010

AS PART OF THE ONGOING HAZCOLLECT TESTING...A MARINE ZONE  
TEST MESSAGE WILL BE SENT ON MONDAY MARCH 22 2010 AT  
ABOUT 1815 UTC /UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME/ OR 215 PM  
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY  
MESSAGES TO MARINE COASTAL AND GREAT LAKES AREAS  
INCLUDING SOME INLAND BAYS AND SOUNDS. THE ALL MARINE  
ZONE TEST MESSAGE WILL BE DISSEMINATED AS A SERIES OF  
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  
ADRXXX... WHERE XXX IS THE IDENTIFIER OF THE RELAYING NWS  
FORECAST OFFICE AND A UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ FOR  
COASTAL OR GREAT LAKES MARINE ZONES. TEST MESSAGES WILL  
BE CODED ONLY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MARINE AREAS. HOWEVER  
TEXT MESSAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA NORMAL METHODS AND  
AUDIO MESSAGES WILL BE BROADCAST VIA NOAA WEATHER RADIO  
STATIONS WITH RECEPTION IN LAND AREAS. A TEST MESSAGE

WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED FOR NWS FORECAST OFFICES THAT DO NOT HAVE COASTAL OR GREAT LAKES MARINE ZONE WARNING AND FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY.

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. MESSAGE DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MARINE ZONE AREAS WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO BE TESTED ON MARCH 9 COINCIDENT WITH THE NATIONAL MESSAGE TEST. A DECISION WAS MADE TO CONDUCT A SEPARATE AND SUBSEQUENT ALL-MARINE-ZONE TEST.

THE TEST MESSAGE WILL NOT HAVE A UGC CODE FOR ANY MARINE ZONE IN WHICH THE LOCAL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE ADVISES THE HAZCOLLECT TEST DIRECTOR THERE IS A THREAT OF SEVERE WEATHER ON THE DAY OF THE SCHEDULED TEST.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

WOUS42 KTAE DDHHMM  
ADRTAE  
GMZ730-GMZ750-GMZ755-GMZ765-GMZ770-GMZ775-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 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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DM5118118676012233728/5712239571143566336

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 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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