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Subject: National Hurricane Preparedness Week and New Public Service Announcements: May 22-28, 2011

NOAA's National Weather Service has designated May 22-28, 2011, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

National Hurricane Preparedness Week highlights the importance of planning ahead to protect families and to secure our homes and properties in advance of the upcoming hurricane season.

Hurricanes are powerful storms that can create severe flooding, dangerous storm surge, high winds, and tornadoes. The effects of these storms can be devastating to entire communities and have long lasting impacts. In addition to the threat posed to coastal areas, hurricanes also impact inland locations.

New for the 2011 National Hurricane Preparedness Week there will be seven video and seven audio Public Service Announcements (PSAs). Each day will focus on a specific theme to inform the public about hurricane hazards or provide information which can be used to take action. This information can be used to save lives and property. The themes for each day are as follows:

May 22: Overview: The Hurricane Season

May 23: Storm Surge

May 24: Hurricane Winds

May 25: Inland Flooding

May 26: Watches and Warnings: The Full Team Effort

May 27: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Make a Plan

May 28: Hurricane Plan: Before/During/After

Links to the audio and video PSAs, as well as additional information on National Hurricane Preparedness Week, can be found at:

http://www.hurricanes.gov/prepare

For questions on National Hurricane Preparedness Week or the PSAs, please contact:

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National Public Information Statements are online at:

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