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          AWIPS Support Branch

Subject: HazCollect Message Testing on March 27, 2012

On Tuesday, March 27, 2012, NWS will test the HazCollect service offered to the emergency management community. This test will exercise the capability to relay emergency messages from non-NWS sources using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and NWS systems. This test message may be relayed by Emergency Alert System (EAS) participating stations in accordance with local and state EAS plans.

During the test, an Administrative Message using EAS code ADR will be transmitted from the Contra Costa County Community Warning System. The test message will only be transmitted on the Mount Diablo NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) broadcast station located in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

Please prepare for transmission of the test message on March 27, 2012. The test message will be sent as product category ADR to minimize impact on users of non-weather emergency messages.

Sample test messages follows.

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT  
NWS TEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CA  
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CA  
800 AM PDT TUE MAR 27 2012

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 FEDERAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 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.

End of sample test message.

Information on the HazCollect program can be found at the HazCollect website at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hazcollect>

Non-weather related emergency messages are originated by local, state, or federal civil authorities and at their request may be relayed by the NWS in non-weather related text products, over NWR and the EAS. The 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. The HazCollect service is described in NWS Instruction 10-1708.

NWS Instruction 10-518 and 10-1708 are available on the web at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives>

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