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Subject: Warnings Starting to Roll Out on Wireless
        Emergency Alerts

Today, the most critical NWS warnings will begin triggering
Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on WEA-capable cell phones.

NWS produced Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) messages are pushed
to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated
Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). These messages are
formatted to trigger a WEA broadcast for the following types
of NWS warnings.

- Tornado Warnings
- Flash Flood Warnings
- Hurricane and Typhoon Warnings
- Extreme Wind Warnings
- Blizzard and Ice Storm Warnings
- Dust Storm Warnings

Through the summer, the NWS will be working to enable the
triggering of WEA for Tsunami Warnings.

For information about IPAWS, please visit

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/

Wireless carriers began rolling out the WEA service across
the nation on April 7, 2012. All major wireless carriers and
hundreds of smaller carriers are taking part in WEA on a voluntary
basis. To find out if your phone will get these messages, contact
your wireless carrier or check the link below:

http://fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/cmas.shtm

For information about EAS, please visit

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm

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