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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
410 PM EDT FRI AUG 22 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
-NOAAPORT
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS SOLICITED ON EXPERIMENTAL COMMON ALERTING
PROTOCOL VERSION 1.1 MESSAGES

NWS IS ACCEPTING COMMENTS THROUGH DECMEBER 1 2008 ON EXPERIMENTAL ENHANCED
INTERNET BASED FEEDS OF NWS WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS FORMATED USING
THE EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ BASED COMMON ALERTING PROTOCOL /CAP/
FORMAT VERSION 1.1. THESE FEEDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL /USE
LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/ALERTS-BETA/](http://www.weather.gov/alerts-beta/)

THIS URL WILL ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAP FORMAT.

COMMENTS ON THE ATOM FEED AND NWS CAP 1.1 MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT AT THE
FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=ATOM](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=atom)

THIS VERSION USES THE XML BASED ATOM FORMAT TO PROVIDE STATE AND NATIONAL
INDEXES FOR ACTIVE CAP MESSAGES AS WELL AS XML STYLE SHEETS TO TRANSFORM
THE MESSAGES INTO HUMAN READABLE FORM. THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES FEATURE MORE
DETAILED PRE-PARSING OF NWS TEXT MESSAGES THAN HAS BEEN OFFERED
PREVIOUSLY. USERS OF THE EXISTING CAP FEED OFFERED AT
[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/ALERTS/](http://www.weather.gov/alerts/) ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE THE NEW CAP 1.1
VERSION MESSAGES CLOSELY. IT IS EXPECTED THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES WILL
REPLACE THE EXISTING NWS CAP MESSAGES IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS.
HOWEVER...IT IS EXPECTED THE CAP 1.1 MESSAGES WILL UNDERGO SOME CHANGES
DURING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD AS COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED.

THE FEEDBACK PERIOD FOR THIS EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE WILL EXTEND
THROUGH DECEMBER 1 2008. NWS ENCOURAGES ITS PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS TO
FILL OUT THE ABOVE SURVEY ON THIS FORMAT.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE...PLEASE
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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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