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-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
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SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING FROM SEPTEMBER
17 TO DECEMBER 5 2008

A HAZCOLLECT FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION IS SCHEDULED FROM
SEPTEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 5 2008. HAZCOLLECT IS A SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE
NWS TO RELAY EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM NON-NWS SOURCES USING DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND NWS SYSTEMS.

HAZCOLLECT TESTING WILL SEND NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY TEXT PRODUCTS
WITH THE FOLLOWING WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS:

WOUSII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES
WOAKII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN ALASKA
WOCA42 TJSJ FOR PRODUCTS IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
WOHW40 PHFO...WOGM40 PGUM AND WOZS40 NSTU FOR PRODUCTS IN THE PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS
/NNNXXX/ WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH PRODUCT WHERE NNN IS THE AWIPS PRODUCT
CATEGORY AND XXX IS THE IDENTIFIER OF THE RELAYING NWS OFFICE OR THE TWO-
LETTER UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE /USPS/ ID OF THE AFFECTED STATE OR
TERRITORY. THE FOLLOWING AWIPS IDENTIFIER PRODUCT CATEGORIES /NNN/ ARE
AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN EACH OF THE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED BY THE WMO HEADINGS
DESCRIBED ABOVE:

AWIPS NNN	MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR /MND/ PRODUCT TYPE LINE
ADR	ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOWUP STATEMENT
AVA	AVALANCHE WATCH
AVW	AVALANCHE WARNING
CAE	CHILD ABDUCTION EMERGENCY
CDW	CIVIL DANGER WARNING
CEM	CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE
EQW	EARTHQUAKE WARNING
EVI	EVACUATION IMMEDIATE
FRW	FIRE WARNING
HMW	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WARNING

LEW LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING
LAE LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY
TOE 911 TELEPHONE OUTAGE EMERGENCY
NUW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WARNING
RHW RADIOLOGICAL HAZARD WARNING
SPW SHELTER IN PLACE
VOW VOLCANO WARNING

PLEASE PREPARE FOR TRANSMISSION OF TEST MESSAGES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 5 2008. ALMOST ALL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE SENT AS PRODUCT CATEGORY ADR TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON USERS OF NWS INFORMATION AND NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE BELOW. TEST MESSAGES WILL BE ONE OF TWO TYPES:

1. A NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 AT ABOUT 1815 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ OR 115 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MESSAGES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE WILL BE DISSEMINATED UNDER WMO HEADINGS INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE AND WITH AN ASSOCIATED AWIPS IDENTIFIER ADRXX...WHERE XX IS THE TWO-LETTER USPS ID OF A STATE OR TERRITORY. ANOTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED CONFIRMING THE DATE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE NATIONAL TEST.

2. LOCAL TEST MESSAGES ORIGINATED BY LOCAL OR STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF EACH OF THE LISTED NWS OFFICES. MULTIPLE LOCAL TEST PRODUCTS ARE PLANNED IN KENTUCKY ON SEPTEMBER 17-18. A LOCAL TEST MESSAGE IS PLANNED IN THE AREA OF EACH OF THE TEST LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW AT ABOUT 1000 AM LOCAL TIME...EACH DAY...MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY...STARTING ON THE RESPECTIVE DATES AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 5. LOCAL NWS OFFICES WILL ISSUE LOCAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS ONE OR MORE DAYS BEFORE TESTING BEGINS.

PADUCAH KY	SEPTEMBER 17
PITTSBURGH PA	SEPTEMBER 29
MONTEREY CA	OCTOBER 6
HONOLULU HI	OCTOBER 21
ANCHORAGE AK	OCTOBER 28
TALLAHASSEE FL	NOVEMBER 4

VARIOUS PARAMETERS OF THE TEST MESSAGES MAY CHANGE...SUCH AS MESSAGE TYPE...CREATION TIME...SOURCE AND NWS OFFICE...AND TEST MESSAGE NUMBER. HAZCOLLECT TEST MESSAGES ARE INTENDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED OVER ALL NWS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED... INCLUDING NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS. 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.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

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PAC000-301845-

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG SILVER SPRING MD
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STATE COLLEGE PA
215 PM EDT TUE SEP 30 2008

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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END SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE.

INFORMATION ON THE HAZCOLLECT PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE HAZCOLLECT
WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[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
GUIDELINES FOR EACH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TYPE.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-518 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01005018CURR.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/PD01005018CURR.PDF)

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