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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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FROM: THERESE PIERCE
ACTING CHIEF
PERFORMANCE AND AWARENESS DIVISION
OFFICE OF CLIMATE...WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE ALL MARINE ZONE TEST TO
BE CONDUCTED MARCH 22 2010

AS PART OF THE ONGOING HAZCOLLECT TESTING...A MARINE ZONE TEST MESSAGE
WILL BE SENT ON MONDAY MARCH 22 2010 AT ABOUT 1815 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME /UTC/ OR 215 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF
EMERGENCY MESSAGES TO MARINE COASTAL AND GREAT LAKES AREAS INCLUDING SOME
INLAND BAYS AND SOUNDS. THE ALL MARINE ZONE TEST MESSAGE WILL BE
DISSEMINATED AS A SERIES OF MESSAGES UNDER THE FOLLOWING WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS:

WOUSII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES /CONUS/
WOAK48 PAFC FOR ALASKA
WOCA42 TJSJ FOR PRODUCTS IN PUERTO RICO AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
WOHW40 PHFO...WOGM40 PGUM AND WOZS40 NSTU FOR PRODUCTS IN THE PACIFIC
AREA

WHERE CCCC IS THE FOUR-CHARACTER WMO IDENTIFIER FOR THE STATE-LIAISON NWS
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE AND II REPRESENTS THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE
MESSAGE AND SHOULD RANGE FROM 41 TO 46.

THE MESSAGES WILL ALSO CARRY AN ASSOCIATED ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE
PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER ADRXXX...WHERE XXX IS THE IDENTIFIER
OF THE RELAYING NWS FORECAST OFFICE AND A UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/
FOR COASTAL OR GREAT LAKES MARINE ZONES. TEST MESSAGES WILL BE CODED
ONLY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MARINE AREAS. HOWEVER...TEXT MESSAGES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED VIA NORMAL METHODS AND AUDIO MESSAGES WILL BE BROADCAST VIA
NOAA WEATHER RADIO STATIONS WITH RECEPTION IN LAND AREAS. A TEST MESSAGE
WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED FOR NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ THAT DO
NOT HAVE COASTAL OR GREAT LAKES MARINE ZONE WARNING AND FORECAST
RESPONSIBILITY.

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. MESSAGE DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MARINE ZONE AREAS

WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO BE TESTED ON MARCH 9 2010 COINCIDENT WITH THE NATIONAL MESSAGE TEST. A DECISION WAS MADE TO CONDUCT A SEPARATE AND SUBSEQUENT ALL-MARINE-ZONE TEST.

THE TEST MESSAGE WILL NOT HAVE A UGC CODE FOR ANY MARINE ZONE IN WHICH THE LOCAL NWS WFO ADVISES THE HAZCOLLECT TEST DIRECTOR THERE IS A THREAT OF SEVERE WEATHER ON THE DAY OF THE SCHEDULED TEST.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS.

WOUS42 KTAE DDHHMM
ADRTAE
GMZ730-GMZ750-GMZ755-GMZ765-GMZ770-GMZ775-DDHHMM-

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP STATEMENT
NWS TEST HQ NATIONAL COG SILVER SPRING MD
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALLAHASSEE FL
215 PM EST THU NOV 19 2009

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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DM5118118676012233728/5712239571143566336

END SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE.

INFORMATION ON THE HAZCOLLECT PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE HAZCOLLECT WEB SITE 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 FOR EACH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TYPE.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-518 IS 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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