

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY  
600 AM EDT MON MAR 13 2017

...THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK...

TODAYS TOPIC IS NOAAS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ADVANCED  
HYDROLOGICAL PREDICTION SERVICE (AHPS).

AHPS IS AN ONGOING EFFORT TO MODERNIZE FLOOD FORECASTING SERVICES.  
IT PROVIDES IMPROVED RIVER AND FLOOD FORECASTS AND WATER INFORMATION  
ACROSS AMERICA TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY AND ENSURE THE NATIONS  
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

EVERYONE WHO MAKES DECISIONS BASED ON WATER...INCLUDING FARMERS...  
RIVER BOAT PILOTS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS...MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY  
OFFICIALS...RECREATIONISTS AND DAM OPERATORS...CAN BENEFIT FROM  
AHPS. BECAUSE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...AHPS WILL HELP EMERGENCY  
MANAGERS BE MORE PROACTIVE TO FIGHT A FLOOD. AHPS PROVIDES  
INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO MAKE BETTER  
LIFE- AND PROPERTY-SAVING DECISIONS BEFORE A FLOOD. THE NAVIGATION  
COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN WITH BETTER CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMIZE  
BARGE AND SHIPPING OPERATIONS...SAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH  
YEAR. RECREATIONAL USERS WILL BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF HARMS WAY.

AHPS...WITH ITS SUITE OF ENHANCED INFORMATION...PROVIDES THE PUBLIC  
WITH MORE DETAILED AND ACCURATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING  
QUESTIONS...HOW HIGH WILL THE RIVERS RISE...WHEN WILL THE RIVER  
REACH ITS PEAK...WHERE WILL THE FLOODING OCCUR...HOW LONG WILL THE  
FLOOD LAST...HOW LONG WILL THE DROUGHT LAST...HOW CERTAIN IS THE  
FORECAST.

TO ACCESS AHPS FOR THE NWS NEW YORK NY SERVICE AREA GO TO THE  
FOLLOWING WEB SITE.

[HTTP://WATER.WEATHER.GOV/AHPS2/INDEX.PHP?WFO=OKX](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=okx)

THE TOPICS THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON THE REST OF THIS WEEK ARE...  
TUESDAY...TURN AROUND DONT DROWN.  
WEDNESDAY...FLOODING AND RELATED PHENOMENA.  
THURSDAY...FLOOD INSURANCE.  
FRIDAY...FLOOD SAFETY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK USE THIS WEB SITE...

[HTTP://WWW.FLOODSAFETY.NOAA.GOV](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov)

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