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All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

- NWR is an all-hazards public warning system, broadcasting forecasts, warnings and emergency information 24 hours a day directly to the public.
- “All Hazards” messages include:
 - ▶ **natural** (e.g., tornado, hurricane, floods, earthquakes)
 - ▶ **technological accidents** (e.g., chemical release, oil spill, nuclear power plant emergencies, maritime accidents, train derailments)
 - ▶ **AMBER alerts**
 - ▶ **terrorist attacks**
- Non-weather emergency messages will be broadcast over NWR when: (1) public safety is involved, (2) the message comes from an official government source, and (3) time is critical.
- The National Response Plan assigns responsibility to the National Weather Service (NWS) to broadcast non-weather emergency messages.
- Non-weather emergency messages will be broadcast over NWR at the request of local and/or state officials. The NWS does not initiate the contact nor the message. When local or state officials wish to broadcast a message on NWR, the officials provide text information about the hazard and the appropriate response directly to the local NWS offices. NWS offices have set up pre-arranged agreements to facilitate and speed the process.
- NWR and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) use the same digital protocols, and NWR is the primary means for NWS alerts to activate the EAS. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) amended the EAS rules in 2002 and adopted numerous new event codes. NWS will introduce the new codes on June 30, 2004.
- NWS invites your comments on NWR. Please send them to either:

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Related Web Sites:

NWS Home Page www.weather.gov **OR** www.nws.noaa.gov
 NOAA Weather Radio Home Page www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr
 NWS All Hazards Web Page www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/allhazard.htm
 NWS EAS Information Web Page www.nws.noaa.gov/os/NWS_EAS.htm