## **Up-to-the Minute**

CRS

### WNG521 Bogalusa 162.525

Weather Reports and Much More...
NOAA Weather is not just for
emergencies. It is a round-the-clock source
of weather reports and information to help
you prepare for the day ahead. The
National Weather Service New Orleans/
Baton Rouge Forecast Office tailors our
broadcasts to suit the local needs. Routine
programming is repeated every few minutes
and consists of the local forecast, regional
conditions and marine forecasts. Additional
information, including river stages and
climatic data, is also provided. During
emergencies, routine broadcasts are

interrupted for warnings, watches and other critical information. NOAA Weather Radio is the perfect complement to local radio and TV weather news as well as Emergency Managers Weather

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Information Network, the Internet and other sources of weather information.

ust a few years ago, NWS personnel U had to print a hard copy of the products and then go to a special sound proof room to manually record all of our products onto tapes. This resulted in a delay between the issuance time of products and the time they were played on NWR. In addition, the tapes often broke. This tape cartridge system was then replaced by digital consoles. This alleviated the tape breaking problem and improved audio quality, but still required a person to "rip and read" all of the products. In the late 1990s, the digital consoles were replaced by the appropriately named Console Replacement System (CRS). CRS instantly translates text products into a computer-generated voice. This allows people to get the watches and warnings as soon as they are issued by our forecasters. Until recently, the computer-generated voice did not sound very much like a person. However, in September 2002, the voice was upgraded to one of much higher quality.







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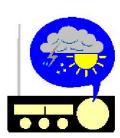
New Orleans/Baton Rouge Forecast Office http://www.srh.noaa/lix





## Who Needs NOAA Weather Radio

Public safety experts agree: the receivers should be standard equipment in every home. They are especially valuable in places that are entrusted with public safety, including hospitals, schools, places of worship, nursing homes, restaurants, grocery stores,



recreation centers, office buildings, sports facilities, theaters, retail stores, bus and train stations, airports, marinas and other public-gathering places.

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heck with ✓ stores that sell. electronics, or call the National Weather Service New Orleans/ **Baton Rouge** Forecast Office at (504) 522-7330. More information is available through the Internet at the **National Weather** Service's NOAA Weather Radio Web Site-



# WNG521 Transmitter Radial Coverage



Baton Rouge

he National Weather Service New Orleans/

Baton Rouge Forecast Office is responsible for issuing selected watches and warnings for Pike, Walthall, and Pearl River counties in Mississippi, and St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington and St. Tammany parishes in Louisiana. The National Weather Service Jackson Forecast Office issues selected watches and warnings for Marion and Lamar counties in Mississippi. However, the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Forecast office is responsible for broadcasting watches and warnings to all nine of these counties and parishes. The Bogalusa NOAA Weather Radio system is equipped with an additional service called SAME. SAME is short for Specific Area Message Encoder which activates special receivers or Weather Radio Specific Area Message Encoder (WR-SAME) to only the parish or county desired.

## Specific Area Message Encoder

**V** V Encoder (WR-SAME) allows the National Weather Service New Orleans/ Baton Rouge to encode watches, warnings, special, and severe weather statements with information that can be decoded for each county or parish in the listening area. Enter the special codes (shown below) into your WR-SAME for your county or parish and surrounding counties or parishes, and you will be alerted when severe weather approaches. WR-SAME offers you immediate notification of warnings for tornadoes, flash floods, severe thunderstorms, and other hazardous weather events. Look for the new radios in an electronics store near you!

Program your WR-SAME with these Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) Codes!

Pike, MS	028113
Walthall, MS	028147
Marion, MS	028091
Lamar, MS	028073
Pearl River, MS	028109
St. Helena, LA	022091
Tangipahoa, LA	022105
Washington, LA	022117
St. Tammany, LA	022103

A list of all Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) Codes in Mississippi and Louisiana can be viewed on the National Weather Service Southern Region website at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ftproot/msd/nwr/srnwr.html.