

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 08/20/2009

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Suzanne Hilding
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 02/03/2009

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 200812-0648-001
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0539

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 08/31/2012

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	460	45	0
New	375	31	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-85	-14	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test (conducted by NWS Western Region and West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center)	NA	Tsunami Warning and Communications Test	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FEEDBACK SURVEY FOR ANNUAL TSUNAMI WARNING
COMMUNICATIONS TEST
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0539**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

To properly assess the effectiveness of NOAA/National Weather Service's (NWS) Tsunami Warning communications system for California, Oregon, and Washington, a feedback survey is needed. This survey is conducted twice annually (each immediately following a test conducted by NWS). The first test is conducted in a March-April timeframe, in partnership with the California Office of Emergency Services, and only in certain coastal portions of California. The second test is conducted in a September timeframe, in partnership with local and state emergency management officials, and encompasses a larger geographical area (coastal areas of California, Oregon, and Washington). This survey will allow for efficient collection of critical information regarding the effectiveness of NOAA's (NWS) Tsunami Warning System. Information from this survey greatly assists the National Weather Service in identifying strengths and deficiencies of the Tsunami Warning System (and related sub-systems), and planning for necessary improvements. This information collection supports Public Law 109-424, the [Tsunami Warning and Education Act](#), specifically Section 3 (1): *"to improve tsunami detection, forecasting, warnings, notification, outreach, and mitigation to protect life and property in the United States;"* since the feedback collected as part of this survey will improve the tsunami warning process.

This request is for the renewal of this information collection. The title has been changed from "Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test (conducted by NWS Western Region and West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center)" to "Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test".

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information is collected immediately following tests of the NWS Tsunami Warning System and gathered and summarized by NWS personnel. Results will be used solely for the purpose of improving the Tsunami Warning System with emphasis on related communications systems in California, Oregon, and Washington used to disseminate Tsunami Warnings. Survey responses will be requested from emergency managers, laws enforcement agencies, United States Coast Guard units, the media, fire departments, state/local road departments, local (community/county) elected officials, and the general public. Responses will be solicited for a limited period immediately following completion of this test, not to exceed a few days. Information gathered from this survey will not be disseminated to the public.

As explained in the preceding paragraph, the information gathered has utility. The National Weather Service will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should the National Weather Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

This will be a web-based survey, to be available at <http://weather.gov/test>. Responses will be counted and summarized in an automated fashion, but no statistical analysis of the results will be conducted.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

This survey will continue to be the only formal means used to collect information regarding the effectiveness of this annual Tsunami Warning System Test.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

This survey is not intended for small businesses. Local (county) Emergency Management officials are among the intended respondents. The survey was designed to be very brief, requiring only a few minutes to complete and submit.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

If post-test information is not collected from the test recipients, NOAA/NWS will be severely limited in its ability to identify deficiencies in the Tsunami Warning System in California, Oregon, and Washington. Without such information, it will be very difficult to make necessary improvements to affected warning systems and processes.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

None.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on September 24, 2008 (73 FR 55045) solicited public comment. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

None.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Personal information will not be collected, and survey responses will not be made public. Responses will be retained for official purposes only.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

N/A.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Completion of this survey will require a maximum of 5 minutes for each response. Based on an expected annual total of 375 responses by 250 respondents, and 5 minutes per response, the total annual burden estimate is approximately 31.25 (31) hours.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

There is no recordkeeping/reporting cost.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

There is no cost beyond regular staff time.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The original request for approval of this survey was based on NWS's conducting one Tsunami Warning Communications Test per year. Changes are as follows:

- This request for renewal now assumes that NWS (Western Region) will be conducting two such tests per year.
- Based on recent test response numbers, the estimated test respondent total has been adjusted downward to 250 from 340, with approximately 125 expected to respond to the first survey and all 250 expected to respond to the second. Thus, a net increase of 35 responses (up from 340 responses expected for one survey per year in the previous request) results in a small increase of 2 hours' burden for survey responses.
- One hundred twenty additional responses and 16 hours originally estimated for follow-up regarding communications/technical problems are now considered not to be needed.

Summary: There is an overall decrease in respondents (250, down from 400), responses (375, down from 460) and hours (31, down from 45).

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

N/A.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

N/A.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

No exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g. establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.

Formal statistical methods are not planned. Expected responses are outlined below.

Estimated number of (expected) responses (Test #1 (March-April timeframe); percentages are for this test only, rounded to nearest whole number):

Emergency Managers (county): 6 (40%*)
Law Enforcement: 2 (<1%)
U.S. Coast Guard: 5 (10%)
Media (television, radio, newspaper, etc.): 2 (<1%)
Local fire departments: 2 (<1%)
State/local road departments: 7 (2%)
Elected local officials: 1 (<1%)
General public: 100 (<1%)

Total Responses Estimated: 125.

Estimated number of (expected) responses (Test #2 (September timeframe); percentages are for this test only, rounded to nearest whole number):

Emergency Managers (county): 10 (35%*)
Law Enforcement: 4 (<1%)
U.S. Coast Guard: 10 (10%)
Media (television, radio, newspaper, etc.): 5 (<1%)
Local fire departments: 4 (<1%)
State/local road departments: 15 (2%)
Elected local officials: 2 (<1%)
General public: 200 (<1%)

Total Responses Estimated: 250.

Estimated number of (expected) responses (March-April and September tests combined); percentages are for both tests, rounded to nearest whole number):

Emergency Managers (county): 16 (35%*)
Law Enforcement: 6 (<1%)
U.S. Coast Guard: 15 (10%)
Media (television, radio, newspaper, etc.): 6 (<1%)
Local fire departments: 7 (<1%)
State/local road departments: 23 (2%)
Elected local officials: 3 (<1%)
General public: 300 (<1%)

Total Responses Estimated: 375.

Average number of responses from previous tests (based on the September test, which has the larger geographical scope):

Emergency Managers (county): 60 (20%*) – *This number included city emergency manager (EMs) as well as many who checked that box on the form; for future tests, we are focusing on responses from actual county EMSs.*

Law Enforcement: 4 (<1%)

U.S. Coast Guard: 10 (10%)

Media (television, radio, newspaper, etc.): 4 (<1%)

Local fire departments: 5 (<1%)

State/local road departments: 15 (2%)

Elected local officials: 2 (<1%)

General public: 200 (<1%)

Total: 300

*Reflects percentage of counties represented, since most emergency managers are county-based.

The number of general public responses, while large in comparison to other groups, is small in terms of area represented. The other groups tend to respond in greater proportion, hence the percent of area represented is larger. Based on experience from previous tests, the information collected from the non-general public groups is most important in terms of making warning system improvements. Nevertheless, information from the general public has been more than initially expected, and is a very important part of the overall information collection.

Here are a few examples of verbal comments received from previous tests (from the “general comments” portion of survey):

EMs:

” Rcvd EMWIN”

“We tested radio communications between the high school where I work and the EOC. I am a amateur radio operator duly appointed as an EM communications operator. All communications between the high school and EOC were loud and clear. I am also a weather spotter T03”

“THANKS”.

Law Enforcement:

“We are one of three California State Parks centralized dispatch centers. Our Sacramento and Riverside centers also received this test message at the same time and the same method.”

“Also rcvd via fax. We have two NOAA alert radios, the one operating off of the Otter Crest site, did not go off today.”

U.S. Coast Guard:

Rcvd: USCG Message System, NOAA weather product 191616Z SEP 0.7

Media:

“The test was successful, it was broadcast on all 8 radio stations.”

“The test “fell off” the ENDEC. Additional tests showed “Already Heard” and did not Set the ENDEC to show a forwardable message. There also needs to be a provision for Spanish language. Or, at least a discussion on providing the message in Spanish.”

Fire Departments:

“NO WEATHER RADIOS IN OUR AREA WERE ACTIVATED. DID NOT RECEIVE.”

Road Departments:

“Rcvd e-mail: 9/20/2008 8:00:00 AM”

General Public:

“ . . .listening to KBPS radio via the internet. I appreciate that this service exists.”

“Messages were clear and audible and timely.”

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

No formal statistical analysis is planned. Responses from the web-based survey will only be counted and summarized for the categories in Part B, question #1, above.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Each office’s “Warning Coordination Meteorologist” will notify emergency management officials, the media, general public, and others involved regarding test plans (and the benefits of feedback in terms of improving the tsunami warning system). This will be accomplished up to a year in advance for the EMs. **An approximate timeline and methodology for contacting potential respondents (numbers are approximate and based on estimates above):**

- **Approximately 1 year in advance:** Advance notification begins approximately one year in advance in the case of EM officials, because of their need for longer range planning. EMs are contacted and provided essential details (e.g. test date and intent to gather feedback on test success). Primary means of contact will be in-person contact (phone or in-person) and/or direct e-mail. At this early stage, possible test dates are coordinated between NWS and state EM officials. In most cases, dates for this test are set approximately one year in advance. The example below, provided by the NWS Office in Seattle, WA, was the proposed test schedule for the September 2008 test (as of early August 2007). Note this includes the annual NWS Tsunami Warning Communications Test in September (highlighted in red):

2008 WASHINGTON STATE REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST SCHEDULE

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	D/N	ORIGINATOR
January	6-12			D	
February	3	Sunday	7:25 AM	N	State DEM
March ¹	2-8			N	
April ¹	22	Tuesday	9:45 AM	D	State DEM
May ²	4-10			D	
June	1-7			N	
July	11	Friday	9:50 AM	D	State DEM
August	3-9			N	
September ³	24	Wednesday	10:15 AM	D	NWS
October ⁴	5-11			N	
November	2-8			D	
December	7-13			N	

¹ The April RMT will be part of the state's earthquake preparedness drill. Since that will occur in the daytime, March has been switched to a nighttime test. The preparedness drill will occur between 9:45 AM and 10:00 AM. (The date and time are determined annually by the state.)

² The May RMT will be part of Pierce County's annual lahar test. (1st Tuesday of the month, 10 AM for the Central Puget Sound Area)

³ The September RMT will run as part of the NWS tsunami communications test for the west coast.

⁴ The October RMT coincides with a FEMA-required activation and survey of tone-alert radios in Franklin and Benton counties.

- **Approximately 1-2 months to 1-2 weeks in advance:** Emergency Managers and media personnel are sent reminder messages; law enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard, fire department personnel, state/local road department personnel, select local elected officials, and the general public are contacted. Primary means of contact will include transmitting "Public Information Statements (primarily for media and others who routinely receive a wide variety of NWS forecast products, and also for the general public), information posted on local NWS web sites, direct e-mail (see example below), information broadcasts on NOAA Weather Radio, and personal contact (phone and in-person meetings). Specific information about the test plan, and how and where (web link) to provide feedback for this test will be provided.
 - **Example (from 2007, sent to Emergency Mangers, media, and others affected):**

All:

On Wednesday, Sep 19, 2007, the NWS West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center will conduct a communication and dissemination test of the Tsunami Warning System. This will be the fifth consecutive year for this test. All National Weather Service Offices along the West Coast of the U.S. will participate in this test. The purpose of this test is to provide a communication and dissemination test of the Tsunami Warning System. This test not only provides an opportunity to test the communication and dissemination system, but is an ideal opportunity for local Tsunami preparedness and awareness education.

The test message will be disseminated at approximately 1015 a.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, Sep 19, 2007. The product identifier to be used in this test is TSUWCA WEPA41 PAAQ. NWS Forecast Offices along the US West Coast will participate in this test by disseminating the test Tsunami communication message via NOAA Weather Radio using the Required Monthly Test (RMT) event code. We will activate EAS during this test using the RMT event code NOT the TSW event code. The test message will also be disseminated through other local dissemination and warning systems to emergency preparedness officials, the USCG, and the public. We've set up a webpage to garner feedback from the test at:

<http://weather.gov/tsunamitest.php>. Once the test is completed, please take a few moments to fill out the webpage (only 7 questions). It will provide us some valuable information on how you received the test.

We encourage you to participate in the test by conducting local tsunami awareness education, exercising your local plans, monitoring NOAA Weather Radio and/or your local media source. Attached is a Public Information Statement announcing the test. Please feel free to disseminate this notice in your local area, newsletters, bulletin boards, etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone at 503/326-2340 x223 or via email.

Tyree Wilde
NWS Portland

P.S: Please note, we will NOT be issuing a Required Weekly Test (RWT) via NOAA Weather Radio on this day since we'll be doing a test using the Required Monthly Test (RMT) code instead.

- **Approximately 1-2 weeks prior until the test day:** Reminders will be provided to all of the above contacts, using all the above contact methods, emphasizing personal contact (time-permitting). In addition, local NWS offices will work with local media to publish stories where possible in newspapers and on television/radio stations (note: this is extremely difficult to estimate quantitatively, so no further attempt to do so is made here). At this stage, there is much more focus on notifying the general public. Experience has shown that notifying the general public too far in advance is not helpful. Typically, a 5-7 day advance notification, as in the example below, is optimum.
 - **Example “Public Information Statement” issued by local NWS Office (2008); also posted to local NWS web page:**

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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LOS ANGELES/OXNARD CA
100 PM PDT THU SEP 18 2008

TO:      FAMILY SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER WIRE
        SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER
        INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL
        WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...AND NWS
        EMPLOYEES

FROM:    PAUL WHITMORE
        GEOPHYSICIST-IN-CHARGE
        WEST COAST / ALASKA TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER

        AND

        MARK JACKSON
        METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE
        WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE LOS ANGELES/OXNARD

SUBJECT: TSUNAMI WARNING COMMUNICATIONS TEST SEPTEMBER 24 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2008 AT 1015 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT
TIME /PDT/... 915 A.M ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME /ADT/... 1715 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/... THE WEST COAST AND ALASKA TSUNAMI WARNING
CENTER /WCATWC/ WILL CONDUCT A TSUNAMI WARNING COMMUNICATIONS TEST.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEST IS TO EVALUATE COMMUNICATIONS FOR USE IN
DISSEMINATION OF TSUNAMI WARNINGS AND WATCHES.

WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFO/ ALONG THE U.S. WEST COAST WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THIS TEST...BY DISSEMINATING A REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST
MESSAGE WITH SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEST IN COASTAL AREAS VIA
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NOAA WEATHER RADIO AND THROUGH OTHER LOCAL WARNING SYSTEMS TO EMERGENCY OFFICIALS... THE MEDIA... AND THE PUBLIC. WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES PARTICIPATING IN THE TEST ARE LISTED IN TABLE 1.

TABLE 1 - WFOS PARTICIPATING IN TSUNAMI WARNING COMMUNICATIONS TEST.

SAN DIEGO CA
LOS ANGELES CA
MONTEREY CA
EUREKA CA
MEDFORD OR
PORTLAND OR
SEATTLE WA

THE TSUNAMI WARNING PRODUCT IDENTIFIER TO BE USED IN THIS TEST IS WEPA41 PAAQ...AND THE AWIPS ID IS TSUWCA.

PARTICIPATING WFOS WILL CONDUCT A FOLLOW UP SERVICE EVALUATION. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR OFFICE OPERATIONS... THEY WILL CONTACT AND INTERVIEW PRINCIPLE PARTNERS. THIS INCLUDES THE MEDIA... EMERGENCY MANAGERS... AND IF POSSIBLE THE GENERAL PUBLIC. POST-TEST FEEDBACK CAN BE PROVIDED AT:
WWW.WEATHER.GOV/TSUNAMITEST.PHP (ALL LOWER CASE)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... PLEASE CONTACT

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WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST
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Additional Notes: This feedback survey is our primary means of determining how successful our test is, and more importantly, how and where to focus our efforts on improving our products and services. The information received via responses to the survey is critical, and in some cases, it may be the only means by which system deficiencies threatening safety of life and property are identified. This ties directly to NOAA/NWS' mission – “to protect life and property”.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

This request pertains to a renewal. The same survey has been previously used very successfully, and no changes have been made to its content or format. The questions are very simple and short, objective in nature, and will require a maximum of 5 minutes per response.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

Again, no formal statistical analysis is intended.

POC:

Jeff Lorens (801) 524-4000
NOAA National Weather Service
Western Region HQ
125 S. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84138



NOAA/NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Western Region

Tsunami Warning Communications Test: (date)

We appreciate your participation in this Tsunami Warning Communications Test. Your responses to the questions below are essential for improving the NOAA/National Weather Service's Tsunami Warning System. In addition to your responses to specific questions, we also welcome your general comments. Response to this survey is voluntary. No personal information is needed or requested. Responses will be collected and summarized for official purposes only.

- 1. Your location (nearest city and state) [Text box for entry]**
- 2. Your affiliation (select response):**
 - Emergency Management
 - Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Navy
 - Media
 - Fire Department
 - Department of Transportation (e.g. state/county road department)
 - Elected Official
 - General Public
 - Other – please specify [Text box for entry]
- 3. Time (local) which you first received this message [Text box for entry]**
- 4. How did you receive the test message? (select all that apply)**
 - National Warning System (NAWAS)
 - NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)
 - NOAA Weather Wire Service (NWWS)
 - Television
 - Radio
 - E-mail
 - Pager
 - Cell Phone
 - Internet
 - Outdoor siren(s)
 - Law enforcement telecom system
 - Other – please specify [Text box for entry]
- 5. If you received this test message from a television broadcast, please indicate your type of television service:**
 - N/A – did not receive via television

- Local cable service provider
 - Satellite service provider
 - Direct reception (over the air from a local transmitter)
- 6. Please indicate how much advance notice you had for this test:**
- One month or more
 - 1-4 weeks
 - 3-6 days
 - 1-2 days
 - less than one day
 - No advance notice
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PUBLIC LAW 109-424—DEC. 20, 2006

TSUNAMI WARNING AND EDUCATION ACT

Public Law 109–424
109th Congress

An Act

Dec. 20, 2006
[H.R. 1674]

To authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be carried out by the National Weather Service, and for other purposes.

Tsunami
Warning and
Education Act.
33 USC 3201
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Tsunami Warning and Education Act”.

33 USC 3201.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) The term “Administration” means the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

33 USC 3202.

SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to improve tsunami detection, forecasting, warnings, notification, outreach, and mitigation to protect life and property in the United States;

(2) to enhance and modernize the existing Pacific Tsunami Warning System to increase coverage, reduce false alarms, and increase the accuracy of forecasts and warnings, and to expand detection and warning systems to include other vulnerable States and United States territories, including the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico areas;

(3) to improve mapping, modeling, research, and assessment efforts to improve tsunami detection, forecasting, warnings, notification, outreach, mitigation, response, and recovery;

(4) to improve and increase education and outreach activities and ensure that those receiving tsunami warnings and the at-risk public know what to do when a tsunami is approaching;

(5) to provide technical and other assistance to speed international efforts to establish regional tsunami warning systems in vulnerable areas worldwide, including the Indian Ocean; and

(6) to improve Federal, State, and international coordination for detection, warnings, and outreach for tsunami and other coastal impacts.

SEC. 4. TSUNAMI FORECASTING AND WARNING PROGRAM.

33 USC 3203.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator, through the National Weather Service and in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, shall operate a program to provide tsunami detection, forecasting, and warnings for the Pacific and Arctic Ocean regions and for the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico region.

(b) **COMPONENTS.**—The program under this section shall—

(1) include the tsunami warning centers established under subsection (d);

(2) utilize and maintain an array of robust tsunami detection technologies;

(3) maintain detection equipment in operational condition to fulfill the detection, forecasting, and warning requirements of this Act;

(4) provide tsunami forecasting capability based on models and measurements, including tsunami inundation models and maps for use in increasing the preparedness of communities, including through the TsunamiReady program;

(5) maintain data quality and management systems to support the requirements of the program;

(6) include a cooperative effort among the Administration, the United States Geological Survey, and the National Science Foundation under which the Geological Survey and the National Science Foundation shall provide rapid and reliable seismic information to the Administration from international and domestic seismic networks;

(7) provide a capability for the dissemination of warnings to at-risk States and tsunami communities through rapid and reliable notification to government officials and the public, including utilization of and coordination with existing Federal warning systems, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards Program;

(8) allow, as practicable, for integration of tsunami detection technologies with other environmental observing technologies; and

(9) include any technology the Administrator considers appropriate to fulfill the objectives of the program under this section.

(c) **SYSTEM AREAS.**—The program under this section shall operate—

(1) a Pacific tsunami warning system capable of forecasting tsunami anywhere in the Pacific and Arctic Ocean regions and providing adequate warnings; and

(2) an Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico tsunami warning system capable of forecasting tsunami and providing adequate warnings in areas of the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico that are determined—

(A) to be geologically active, or to have significant potential for geological activity; and

(B) to pose significant risks of tsunami for States along the coastal areas of the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, or Gulf of Mexico.

(d) **TSUNAMI WARNING CENTERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator, through the National Weather Service, shall maintain or establish— Establishment.

- (A) a Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii;
 - (B) a West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Alaska; and
 - (C) any additional forecast and warning centers determined by the National Weather Service to be necessary.
- (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of each tsunami warning center shall include—
- (A) continuously monitoring data from seismological, deep ocean, and tidal monitoring stations;
 - (B) evaluating earthquakes that have the potential to generate tsunami;
 - (C) evaluating deep ocean buoy data and tidal monitoring stations for indications of tsunami resulting from earthquakes and other sources;
 - (D) disseminating forecasts and tsunami warning bulletins to Federal, State, and local government officials and the public;
 - (E) coordinating with the tsunami hazard mitigation program described in section 5 to ensure ongoing sharing of information between forecasters and emergency management officials; and
 - (F) making data gathered under this Act and post-warning analyses conducted by the National Weather Service or other relevant Administration offices available to researchers.
- (e) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section, the National Weather Service, in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, shall—
- (A) develop requirements for the equipment used to forecast tsunami, which shall include provisions for multipurpose detection platforms, reliability and performance metrics, and to the maximum extent practicable how the equipment will be integrated with other United States and global ocean and coastal observation systems, the global earth observing system of systems, global seismic networks, and the Advanced National Seismic System;
 - (B) develop and execute a plan for the transfer of technology from ongoing research described in section 6 into the program under this section; and
 - (C) ensure that maintaining operational tsunami detection equipment is the highest priority within the program carried out under this Act.
- (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—
- (A) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Weather Service, in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, shall transmit to Congress a report on how the tsunami forecast system under this section will be integrated with other United States and global ocean and coastal observation systems, the global earth observing system of systems, global seismic networks, and the Advanced National Seismic System.
 - (B) Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Weather Service, in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, shall transmit a report to Congress on how technology developed under

section 6 is being transferred into the program under this section.

(f) FEDERAL COOPERATION.—When deploying and maintaining tsunami detection technologies, the Administrator shall seek the assistance and assets of other appropriate Federal agencies.

(g) ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION.—At the same time Congress receives the budget justification documents in support of the President's annual budget request for each fiscal year, the Administrator shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives a certification that—

(1) identifies the tsunami detection equipment deployed pursuant to this Act, as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year;

(2) certifies which equipment is operational as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year;

(3) in the case of any piece of such equipment that is not operational as of such date, identifies that equipment and describes the mitigation strategy that is in place—

(A) to repair or replace that piece of equipment within a reasonable period of time; or

(B) to otherwise ensure adequate tsunami detection coverage;

(4) identifies any equipment that is being developed or constructed to carry out this Act but which has not yet been deployed, if the Administration has entered into a contract for that equipment prior to December 31 of the preceding calendar year, and provides a schedule for the deployment of that equipment; and

(5) certifies that the Administrator expects the equipment described in paragraph (4) to meet the requirements, cost, and schedule provided in that contract.

(h) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS.—The Administrator shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives within 30 days of—

Deadline.

(1) impaired regional forecasting capabilities due to equipment or system failures; and

(2) significant contractor failures or delays in completing work associated with the tsunami forecasting and warning system.

(i) REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2010, the Comptroller General of the United States shall transmit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives that—

(1) evaluates the current status of the tsunami detection, forecasting, and warning system and the tsunami hazard mitigation program established under this Act, including progress toward tsunami inundation mapping of all coastal areas vulnerable to tsunami and whether there has been any degradation of services as a result of the expansion of the program;

(2) evaluates the National Weather Service's ability to achieve continued improvements in the delivery of tsunami detection, forecasting, and warning services by assessing policies and plans for the evolution of modernization systems,

models, and computational abilities (including the adoption of new technologies); and

(3) lists the contributions of funding or other resources to the program by other Federal agencies, particularly agencies participating in the program.

Deadline.
Reports.

(j) **EXTERNAL REVIEW.**—The Administrator shall enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to review the tsunami detection, forecast, and warning program established under this Act to assess further modernization and coverage needs, as well as long-term operational reliability issues, taking into account measures implemented under this Act. The review shall also include an assessment of how well the forecast equipment has been integrated into other United States and global ocean and coastal observation systems and the global earth observing system of systems. Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit a report containing the National Academy of Sciences' recommendations, the Administrator's responses to the recommendations, including those where the Administrator disagrees with the Academy, a timetable to implement the accepted recommendations, and the cost of implementing all the Academy's recommendations, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives.

(k) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish a process for monitoring and certifying contractor performance in carrying out the requirements of any contract to construct or deploy tsunami detection equipment, including procedures and penalties to be imposed in cases of significant contractor failure or negligence.

33 USC 3204.

SEC. 5. NATIONAL TSUNAMI HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator, through the National Weather Service and in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, shall conduct a community-based tsunami hazard mitigation program to improve tsunami preparedness of at-risk areas in the United States and its territories.

Establishment.

(b) **COORDINATING COMMITTEE.**—In conducting the program under this section, the Administrator shall establish a coordinating committee comprising representatives of Federal, State, local, and tribal government officials. The Administrator may establish subcommittees to address region-specific issues. The committee shall—

(1) recommend how funds appropriated for carrying out the program under this section will be allocated;

(2) ensure that areas described in section 4(c) in the United States and its territories can have the opportunity to participate in the program;

(3) provide recommendations to the National Weather Service on how to improve the TsunamiReady program, particularly on ways to make communities more tsunami resilient through the use of inundation maps and other mitigation practices; and

(4) ensure that all components of the program are integrated with ongoing hazard warning and risk management activities, emergency response plans, and mitigation programs in affected areas, including integrating information to assist in tsunami evacuation route planning.

(c) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—The program under this section shall—

(1) use inundation models that meet a standard of accuracy defined by the Administration to improve the quality and extent of inundation mapping, including assessment of vulnerable inner coastal and nearshore areas, in a coordinated and standardized fashion to maximize resources and the utility of data collected;

(2) promote and improve community outreach and education networks and programs to ensure community readiness, including the development of comprehensive coastal risk and vulnerability assessment training and decision support tools, implementation of technical training and public education programs, and providing for certification of prepared communities;

(3) integrate tsunami preparedness and mitigation programs into ongoing hazard warning and risk management activities, emergency response plans, and mitigation programs in affected areas, including integrating information to assist in tsunami evacuation route planning;

(4) promote the adoption of tsunami warning and mitigation measures by Federal, State, tribal, and local governments and nongovernmental entities, including educational programs to discourage development in high-risk areas; and

(5) provide for periodic external review of the program.

(d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a change in the chair of any existing tsunami hazard mitigation program subcommittee.

SEC. 6. TSUNAMI RESEARCH PROGRAM.

33 USC 3205.

The Administrator shall, in consultation with other agencies and academic institutions, and with the coordinating committee established under section 5(b), establish or maintain a tsunami research program to develop detection, forecast, communication, and mitigation science and technology, including advanced sensing techniques, information and communication technology, data collection, analysis, and assessment for tsunami tracking and numerical forecast modeling. Such research program shall—

(1) consider other appropriate research to mitigate the impact of tsunami;

(2) coordinate with the National Weather Service on technology to be transferred to operations;

(3) include social science research to develop and assess community warning, education, and evacuation materials; and

(4) ensure that research and findings are available to the scientific community.

SEC. 7. GLOBAL TSUNAMI WARNING AND MITIGATION NETWORK.

33 USC 3206.

(a) INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM.—The Administrator, through the National Weather Service and in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, in coordination with other members of the United States Interagency Committee of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program, shall provide technical assistance and training to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the World Meteorological Organization, and other international entities, as part of international efforts to develop a fully functional global tsunami forecast and warning system comprising regional tsunami warning networks, modeled on the International Tsunami Warning System of the Pacific.

(b) **INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER.**—The Administrator, through the National Weather Service and in consultation with other relevant Administration offices, in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, shall operate an International Tsunami Information Center to improve tsunami preparedness for all Pacific Ocean nations participating in the International Tsunami Warning System of the Pacific, and may also provide such assistance to other nations participating in a global tsunami warning system established through the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. As part of its responsibilities around the world, the Center shall—

(1) monitor international tsunami warning activities around the world;

(2) assist member states in establishing national warning systems, and make information available on current technologies for tsunami warning systems;

(3) maintain a library of materials to promulgate knowledge about tsunami in general and for use by the scientific community; and

(4) disseminate information, including educational materials and research reports.

(c) **DETECTION EQUIPMENT; TECHNICAL ADVICE AND TRAINING.**—In carrying out this section, the National Weather Service—

(1) shall give priority to assisting nations in identifying vulnerable coastal areas, creating inundation maps, obtaining or designing real-time detection and reporting equipment, and establishing communication and warning networks and contact points in each vulnerable nation;

(2) may establish a process for transfer of detection and communication technology to affected nations for the purposes of establishing the international tsunami warning system; and

(3) shall provide technical and other assistance to support international tsunami programs.

(d) **DATA-SHARING REQUIREMENT.**—The National Weather Service, when deciding to provide assistance under this section, may take into consideration the data sharing policies and practices of nations proposed to receive such assistance, with a goal to encourage all nations to support full and open exchange of data.

33 USC 3207.

SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this Act—

(1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, of which—

(A) not less than 27 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami hazard mitigation program under section 5; and

(B) not less than 8 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami research program under section 6;

(2) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, of which—

(A) not less than 27 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami hazard mitigation program under section 5; and

(B) not less than 8 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami research program under section 6;

(3) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, of which—

(A) not less than 27 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami hazard mitigation program under section 5; and

(B) not less than 8 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami research program under section 6;

(4) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, of which—

(A) not less than 27 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami hazard mitigation program under section 5; and

(B) not less than 8 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami research program under section 6; and

(5) \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, of which—

(A) not less than 27 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami hazard mitigation program under section 5; and

(B) not less than 8 percent of the amount appropriated shall be for the tsunami research program under section 6.

Approved December 20, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1674 (S. 50):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 109-698 (Comm. on Science).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 109-59 accompanying S. 50 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 152 (2006):

Dec. 6, considered and passed House.

Dec. 8, considered and passed Senate.



with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: September 17, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

Issues

Comment 1: Whether Polyplex Understated the Cost of Polymer Chips for PET Film Production

Comment 2: Whether Polyplex Understated Labor Costs associated with PET Film Production

Comment 3: Whether Polyplex Correctly Reported the Cost of Sales Denominator for the General and Administrative Expense Ratio

Comment 4: Whether Polyplex Understated Warehousing Expenses and Misclassified Warehousing Expenses as Indirect Selling Expenses

Comment 5: Whether Polyplex Understated the Indirect Selling Expenses Incurred by Polyplex America, Inc.

Comment 6: Whether the Department Should Apply the Dumping Margin Calculated on Sales of Identical Merchandise to the Further Manufactured Sales

Comment 7: Whether to Accept Petitioners' Targeted Dumping Allegation

Comment 8: Clerical Error

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Tests

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on

proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jeff Lorens, 801-524-4000 ext. 265 or Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

To assess the effectiveness of NOAA/ National Weather Service's (NWS) Tsunami Warning System, this survey is needed to gather specific feedback following testing of the associated NWS communications systems. The tests are planned annually, March/April and September. Post-test feedback will be requested from emergency managers, the media, law enforcement officials, local government agencies/officials, and the general public. The responses will be solicited for a limited period immediately following completion of the tests, not to exceed seven days. This will be a Web-based survey and will allow for efficient collection of information regarding the effectiveness of the Tsunami Warning System.

II. Method of Collection

A Web-based survey will be used for electronic submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0539.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 92.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 19, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XK45

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability of the Proposed Middle Columbia River Steelhead Recovery Plan (Plan) for public review and comment. The Plan addresses the Middle Columbia River Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) Distinct Population Segment (DPS), which spawns and rears in tributaries to the Columbia River in central and eastern Washington and Oregon. NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Proposed Plan.

DATES: NMFS will consider and address all substantive comments received during the comment period. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time on December 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments and materials to Lynn Hatcher, National Marine Fisheries Service, 304 S. Water Street, Suite #