

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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Tsunami mapping and outreach campaign kicks off Wednesday, May 1, for Lincoln County

New evacuation maps to be unveiled as state and local officials encourage residents to learn about two evacuation zones

Portland, Oregon: At a news conference in Newport, the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will release new tsunami evacuation brochures for 12 communities in Lincoln County, based on the latest science and sophisticated new mapping technology.

The maps show worst-case scenario evacuation zones for both local-source (Cascadia Subduction Zone) and distant-source (such as from Alaska) tsunamis. The maps also show evacuation routes and assembly areas, and contain readiness tips for protecting yourself and your loved ones.

Who: Staff from the State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and Lincoln County Emergency Management

What: News conference unveiling 12 new evacuation maps for population centers in Lincoln County

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 12:00pm, shortly after Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' meeting

Where: Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting room
Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, Oregon

Visuals: All 12 evacuation maps will be displayed and examples of door-to-door outreach supply bags will be available. DOGAMI and Lincoln County Emergency Management can provide reporters with resources such as graphics, public service announcements, and other items to encourage coverage of this important public safety issue.



Excerpt from Newport South evacuation brochure. Evacuate from yellow and orange areas to green area.

The evacuation brochures will be available online, May 1 by 12:00pm, free for download

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The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State and has a broad responsibility in developing an understanding of the state's geologic resources and natural hazards. The Department then makes this information available to communities and individuals to help inform and reduce the risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department assists in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards is key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

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