

**HazCollect Follow-On Operational Test & Evaluation (FOTE)  
Test Review Group Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2008**

**Attendees:**

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WFO Pittsburgh, PA	Richard Kane
WFO Paducah, KY	Rick Shanklin
Southern Region	Mike Mach, Janice Bunting
Paducah EM	Walter Atherton
Anchorage EM	Vince McCoy
Hawaii EM	Tom Simon
DHS/FEMA	Rick Hauschildt, Ray Kent
Hormann America	Tomer Petel
UACS	Sean Payne, Valencia Hicks
OPS24	Jae Lee, Bert Vilorio
OS51	Herb White, Art Kraus
CIO14	Odon Dario
OST31	Tim Hopkins
OST21	Neal DiPasquale, Sanford Garrard, John Tatum

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On Wednesday October 22, 2008, the National Weather Service Test & Evaluation Branch (OPS24) hosted the HazCollect Follow-on Operational Test & Evaluation (FOTE) Test Review Group Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to present the status of the FOTE testing. During the meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. Walt Atherton (Daviness County, KY EM) and John Nicklin (Mercer County, PA EM) continue to generate daily test ADR messages successfully.
2. The FOTE test team continues to conduct failover tests with support from Odon Dario (CIO14) and Walter Mussante (CIO13). The failover tests will be continuing for a few more weeks.
3. The FOTE started at WFO HFO on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 10am local time (4pm EDT). The FOTE started with a kick off meeting which was attended by Tom Simon (Hawaii State Civil Defense Emergency Manager), Ray Tanabe (WFO HFO WCM), Herb White (OS51) and Art Kraus (OS51). Ray Tanabe proposed to generate and post daily test ADR messages Monday through Friday except Wednesdays since Wednesdays are reserved for their weekly tests. This proposal was accepted by the FOTE test team.
4. Initially, Tom Simon was planning to generate test messages using a third-party vendor software (Hormann America's CapConHC) via the OPEN API interface. This is the same software that Art Botterell from Contra Costa County, CA was using last week at

WFO MTR. Since this interface is not yet working properly, Tom Simon agreed to use the DMIS client software to support the FOTE until the OPEN API is available.

5. Prior to the start of the FOTE, Tom Simon downloaded DMIS client Version 2.3.3, and exercised the software without posting them. Since Tom was familiar with the DMIS client software, the first test ADR message for Kauai county was created by Tom using the DMIS client software. This test ADR message was saved successfully; however, an NWEM error message window popped up when Tom tried to post the message. The test team also noticed that there was an error entry "Message failed validation. Invalid time zone, GMT-10:00 provided" on the HazCollect server queue. Sean Payne (HazCollect contractor) and Rick Hauschildt (FEMA/DHS DMIS contractor) was informed of this problem. In addition, TTR 59 (POST failed for a test message using time zone "HST") was generated to document the problem. Sean Payne reported that this problem is being analyzed by UACS, and they have not reached any conclusions yet. Rick Hauschildt also informed the group that they are looking into this problem.
6. The State ADR message test for Hawaii is scheduled for Thursday October 23, 2008 at 10am local time (4pm EDT). Both Ray Tanabe and Tom Simon have been coordinating with media for this test. Jae Lee informed the group that the HST time zone problem needs to be resolved prior to the Hawaii State test. If not, this test time will be used to debug the time zone problem.
7. Rick Hauschildt provided the latest status on the OPEN API. Rick requested Tomer Petel (Hormann America supporting Art Botterell, Contra Costa County, CA EM) to contact Gary Hamm (FEMA/DHS contractor) for conducting detail analysis of the problem and make sure the correct NWEM API is being used. Tomer informed the group that he will contact Gary right after the TRG.
8. Rich Kane (WFO PBZ WCM) would like to know when HazCollect is going operational if the FOTE is successfully completed on December 5, 2008. An action item was assigned to Joel Williams (HazCollect Project Manager) to provide a response (Action Item #17).
9. The FOTE is scheduled to start at WFO Anchorage on Oct 28, 2008.