

HazCollect

The All-Hazards Emergency Message Collection System

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What are the steps to prepare, sign up, and implement?

- Determine who or what county office is delegated the responsibility and authority to issue emergency public warnings.
- Register with FEMA for a Disaster Management (DM) Collaborative Operating Group (COG).
- Download software tools, if needed, from the FEMA Disaster Management Interoperability Services (DMIS) website.
- Complete training available online from FEMA and the National Weather Service (NWS) at websites shown below.
- Register with NWS for HazCollect online at the website shown below. Click on "For Government".
- Configure software application, include new capability in local standard operating procedures, and exercise.

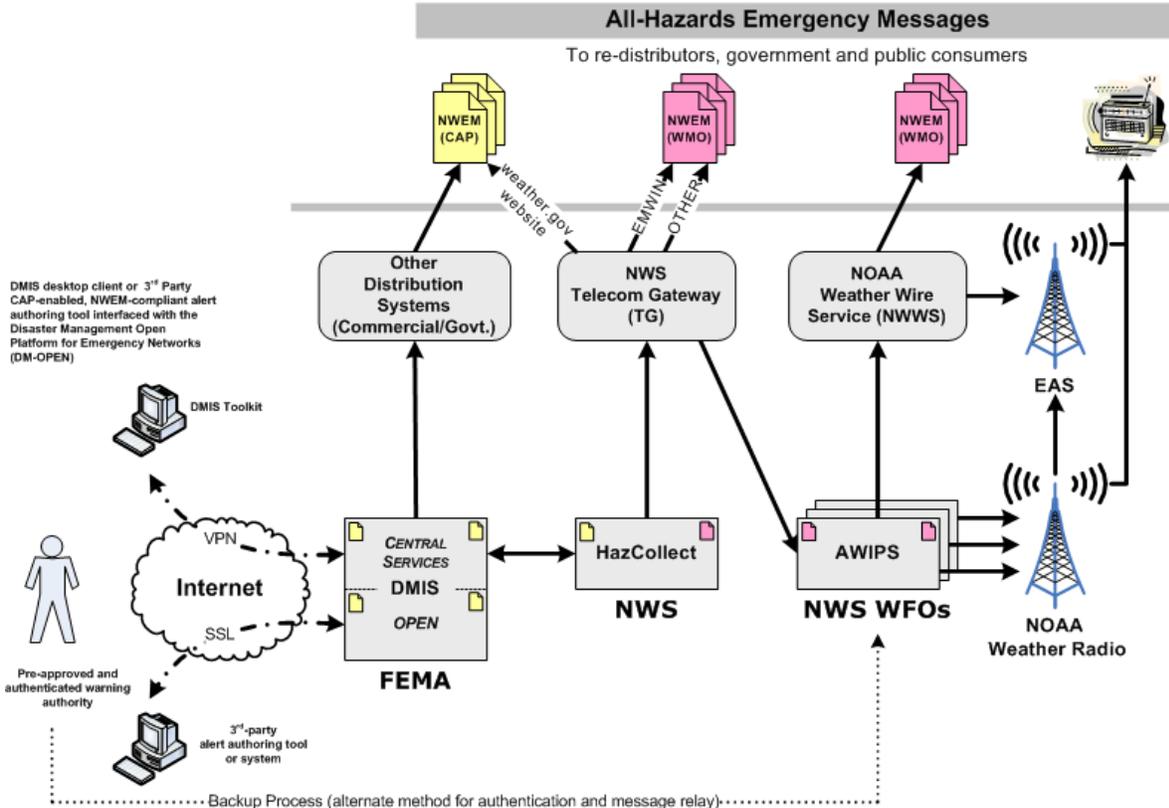
What is HazCollect?

A nationwide capability to streamline the currently manual creation, authentication, collection, and dissemination of all types of Non-Weather Emergency Messages (NWEMs) in a quick and secure manner for subsequent public alert, warning and notification purposes.

How will HazCollect help emergency managers?

HazCollect allows pre-approved and authenticated authorized officials at the Federal, state, and local levels to submit messages for broadcast over NWS systems for the purpose of warning or informing the public. This includes NWS, EMWIN, NOAAPORT, and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) for relay to the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

How does HazCollect work?



Learning opportunities with other practitioners:

- ✓ DMIS SIG – meets monthly on first Wednesday
- ✓ DM-OPEN SIG – meets monthly on third Wednesday

Check for news and other opportunities at <http://www.disasterhelp.gov/disastermanagement/>

Websites:

NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) <http://weather.gov/>
 NWS HazCollect <http://weather.gov/os/hazcollect/>
 DHS Disaster Management Interoperability Services (DMIS) <http://www.disasterhelp.gov/disastermanagement/>
 DHS DM Open Platform for Emergency Networks (DM-OPEN) <http://www.disasterhelp.gov/disastermanagement/open/>

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