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Tone Alert Radio Check and Battery Replacement available at "Irrigon Safety Awareness Days"

Irrigon, Ore. – Morrow County Emergency Management is encouraging all Irrigon residents to bring their Tone Alert Radio in for a check up and battery replacement during "Irrigon Safety Awareness Days" October 27 and 28th.

Tone Alert Radios (TAR) have been provided free of charge to homes and businesses surrounding the Umatilla Chemical Depot since June of 2000.

"TARs work just fine when plugged into an electrical outlet," stated Maureen Roxbury, Public Information Officer with Morrow County Emergency Management. "A specialized battery insures that the TAR will continue to operate if we experience a power outage. Unfortunately many TAR batteries have reached their life expectancy and now require replacement."

TARs are one of five public warning systems that would be activated to warn the public of a chemical emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. They also provide weather alerts from the National Weather Service.

Representatives from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will be at Stokes Landing Community Center, 195 NW Opal Place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 27 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th.

In addition to TAR check-ups and battery replacement, Irrigon residents who may not have been issued a TAR, shelter in place kit or a recirculating air filter (RAF) will have the opportunity to receive one during this event. There will also be valuable safety information available from many local agencies; including: Irrigon Volunteer Fire Department; American Red Cross; National Weather Service and Morrow County Health.

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Residents from Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla and Boardman who need a TAR battery replacement should call the Tone Alert Radio request line at (800) 307-7708.

For more information on sheltering in place, assembling a shelter kit, choosing a shelter room, or preparing for emergencies visit www.csepp.net.

To schedule a presentation for your group, in Morrow County contact Maureen Roxbury, Morrow County Public Information Officer at (541) 922-5262. In Umatilla County contact Cheryl Seigal, Umatilla County Emergency Management at (541) 966-3703 or toll free (877)367-2737.

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