



CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

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Special Needs Survey in the Mail for Irrigon,  
Boardman, Ione, Lexington, and Heppner  
Residents

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*Irrigon, Ore.* - The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), in partnership with the Morrow County Health Department (MCHD), has mailed a Special Needs Survey to Irrigon, Boardman, Ione, Lexington and Heppner residents to gather valuable emergency planning information. CSEPP and health officials are hopeful that residents in Morrow County will respond to the survey to help identify those residents who may require extra assistance during emergency situations. They are requesting the survey be completed and returned by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

"We want to know who in our communities might need assistance with sheltering in place, evacuation or other protective measures necessary during a serious emergency situation," said Casey Beard, Director of Morrow County Emergency Management.

"This survey will help identify which households have house-bound, hearing or sight impaired people, or occupants with other physical or mental challenges that would prevent them from helping themselves during an emergency," said Sheree Smith, Director of Morrow County Health Department.

Residents in Irrigon, Boardman, Ione, Lexington and Heppner should look for the survey in the mail this week. The two county agencies conducting the survey ask residents to return the survey as quickly as possible in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call Maria Duron, Public Information Officer for Morrow County, at 866.813.8130 or 541.561.5630.

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