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Tsunami preparedness guide for coastal lodging facilities released

Portland, Oregon: The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is releasing a tsunami preparedness guide for coastal lodging facilities today.

Over 500 copies of *Open File Report O-03-04-Tsunami Preparedness Guide for Oregon Lodging Facilities* will be mailed free of charge to all lodging facilities at the Oregon coast. The CD-ROM contains information about tsunamis and their origins, information about the tsunami threat to the Oregon Coast, disaster preparedness and tsunami brochures from the American Red Cross and others, and evacuation graphics and education materials that lodging facilities can provide guests.

To illustrate the likely damage to Oregon coastal communities in the event of a major earthquake and tsunami, the report also provides a fictional account of a Waldport motel manager and her ordeal as a survivor of the devastation that occurs.

“Every year tsunamis strike coastal areas in some part of the world. They cause millions of dollars in property damage and result in the injury or death of hundreds and even thousands of people,” notes Dr. Vicki McConnell, Acting State Geologist. “Since 1946 six tsunamis have struck the coast of the United States and its territories, killing more than 350 people, and causing a half billion dollars in property damage. While we cannot prevent these disasters, adequate preparedness measures by the people who live at and visit coastal areas can save hundreds of lives.”

“We are indebted to our lodging facility volunteers for their help in preparing this guide, said report author Margi Jenks of DOGAMI. “Robert Eaton, manager of the Inn at the Spanish Head and Gary Ellingson, owner of the Sandcastle Motel donated

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their time to review the information in this CD-ROM to ensure that it is useful to lodging facility owners, managers, employees and their guests. We also want to thank the Oregon Lodging Association, and while this material was developed for the lodging industry, it is also a valuable resource for anybody that does business at the Oregon coast."

The CD-ROM was produced by DOGAMI through a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). While this material was developed for the lodging industry, it is also a valuable resource for anybody that does business at the Oregon coast.

Open File Report O-03-04-Tsunami Preparedness Guide for Oregon Lodging Facilities is available on CD-ROM for \$10 from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center, 800 NE Oregon Street #5, Portland, Oregon 97232. You may also call (503) 872-2750 or order online at <http://www.naturenw.org>. There is a \$3 shipping and handling charge for all mailed items.

Additionally, this item as well as all department maps and publications can be purchased at DOGAMI Field Offices including 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, (541) 476-2496 and 1510 Campbell Street, Baker City, (541) 523-3133.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State with a broad responsibility in developing a geologic understanding of natural hazards. We then make this information available to communities and individuals to help reduce the risks from earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

For more information on upcoming events and current projects, contact James Roddey at 800 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR 97232, (503) 731-4100, ext. 242 or DOGAMI field offices at: 1510 Campbell St., Baker City, (541) 523-3133; 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, (541) 476-2496; and the Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation Program, 229 Broadalbin St. SW, Albany, (541) 967-2039.

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