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Spanish Language Tsunami Brochure Now Available Online

Portland, Oregon: A Spanish language tsunami hazards brochure is now available free online from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and Oregon Emergency Management (OEM).

The brochure (and its English language counterpart) contains valuable information on what causes a tsunami and what you should do at the coast if a tsunami threatens.

"We're trying to reach as many people as we can in as many ways as possible when it comes to tsunami awareness," said James Roddey, Earth Sciences Information Officer with DOGAMI. "Working with OEM, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and local coastal communities, we've produced and distributed thousands of tsunami evacuation brochures and inundation maps. This is our first publication in Spanish, thanks to a helping hand from Oregon Sea Grant."

Funding for the production of the tsunami brochure was provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Spanish language translation was provided by Oregon Sea Grant.

This free brochure - ***iTsunami! Cómo sobrevivir en la costa de Oregon*** - is available to download in PDF form at: <http://www.OregonGeology.com> and <http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/OEM/index.shtml>

In addition, PDF tsunami evacuation maps for over 2 dozen coastal communities can be found online at:

<http://www.oregongeology.com/sub/earthquakes/Coastal/Tsubrochures.htm>

Jay Wilson, OEM Earthquake and Tsunami Program Coordinator noted the importance of planning when visiting the coast, saying "Oregon Emergency Management urges all coastal residents, employees and visitors to prepare for a potential tsunami by identifying their evacuation routes and making a disaster plan."

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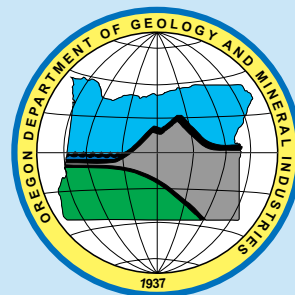
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“Governor Kulongoski has declared April as Earthquake and Tsunami Awareness Month,” said Roddey. “Many state agencies and local communities will be working throughout the month to raise the awareness of these threats and help residents get prepared for these two natural hazards. The Spanish language tsunami brochure is part of this effort.”

Read the Governor’s Proclamation at: <http://www.OregonGeology.com>

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State, and has 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. We assist in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards are key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

Learn more about Oregon’s geology by going online at:
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