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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RALEIGH NC  
830 AM EDT TUE MAY 26 2009

...CHANGES COMING TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO IN THE FAYETTEVILLE AND  
SURROUNDING AREA...

TODAY...MAY 26 2009...A NEW NOAA WEATHER RADIO STATION WXL-50  
OPERATING ON A FREQUENCY OF 162.475 MEGAHERTZ OUT OF SAINT PAULS WILL  
REPLACE THE CURRENT NOAA WEATHER RADIO STATION BROADCASTING FROM  
FORT BRAGG. ON MAY 26TH...WXL-50 BROADCASTING FROM FORT BRAGG ON  
162.475 MEGAHERTZ WILL BE TURNED OFF AND REPLACED BY THE NEW STATION  
IN SAINT PAULS. THE NEW SAINT PAULS STATION WILL BOAST A  
TRANSMITTING POWER OF 1000 WATTS. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN  
POWER OVER THE OLD TRANSMITTER AND WILL RESULT IN A STRONGER AND  
CLEARER SIGNAL FOR NOAA WEATHER RADIO LISTENERS.

CURRENT NOAA WEATHER RADIO LISTENERS AND BROADCASTERS IN THE  
FAYETTEVILLE AREA AND SANDHILLS WILL NOTICE LITTLE NO CHANGE IN  
THE BROADCAST AND NO ACTION IS NECESSARY. THE NEW SAINT PAULS  
STATION WILL BROADCAST ON THE SAME 162.475 MEGAHERTZ FREQUENCY AS  
THE CURRENT NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCAST SERVING THE AREA.  
CUMBERLAND...HARNETT... HOKE...MOORE...SAMPSON...AND SCOTLAND  
COUNTIES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
WATCHES...WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE OFFICE IN RALEIGH ON 162.475 MEGAHERTZ.

GIVEN THE INCREASE IN TRANSMITTING POWER OF THIS NEW STATION THE  
NOAA WEATHER RADIO STATION WWF-89...OPERATING ON A FREQUENCY OF  
162.525 MEGAHERTZ OUT OF LUMBER BRIDGE NORTH CAROLINA... WILL  
CEASE TRANSMITTING. CURRENT LISTENERS OF WWF-89 WILL NEED TO RE-  
TUNE THEIR NOAA WEATHER RADIOS TO A FREQUENCY OF 162.475 MEGAHERTZ  
ON MAY 26TH IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE NEW TRANSMISSION.

THE NEW SAINT PAULS STATION WXL-50 WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE  
FORECAST AND WARNING INFORMATION FOR THE COUNTIES OF  
BLADEN...COLUMBUS...CUMBERLAND...DUPLIN...HARNNET...HOKE...MOORE...  
ROBESON...SAMPSON AND SCOTLAND IN NORTH CAROLINA...AND FOR THE  
COUNTIES OF DILLON AND MARLBORO IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

ON MAY 27, 2009 THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL CONDUCT THE FIRST  
WEEKLY ALARM TEST FROM THE NEW SAINT PAULS STATION AT 11 AM. NOAA  
WEATHER RADIO LISTENERS...SCHOOLS...EMERGENCY OFFICIALS AND  
BROADCASTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MONITOR THIS ALERT TEST AND PROVIDE  
FEEDBACK TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS  
UPCOMING CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT JEFF ORROCK AT THE NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE AT 1-919-515-8209 EXT. 223 OR BY EMAIL AT  
JEFF.ORROCK@NOAA.GOV.

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