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FCC TO HOLD FORUM ON EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS ON COMMUNICATIONS; WILL REVIEW AFTERMATH OF JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND U.S. PLANNING

Washington DC - Emergency preparedness officials from the White House, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the United States Geological Survey and the Federal Communications Commission will discuss the impact of earthquakes on preservation and restoration of essential national communications services at an Earthquake Communications Preparedness Forum to be held at the FCC on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In addition, a representative of the Embassy of Japan and emergency officials familiar with Japanese efforts to restore communications services will discuss the impact of the recent earthquake in Japan on that country's national communications infrastructure.

Opening remarks will be given by FEMA Administrator **Craig Fugate** and Chief, FCC Bureau of Public Safety and Homeland Security, **Jamie Barnett**, Rear Admiral, USNR (Ret.).

Masaru Fujino, Counselor, Embassy of Japan in the United States, will discuss the Japanese experience in the recent earthquake there. In addition, FCC experts will highlight the experience of Japanese officials in dealing with the loss and subsequent restoration of public communications networks and services.

U.S. emergency preparedness officials will discuss preparations that should be made in the United States in advance of an earthquake and review national communications policies and emergency procedures that should be set up in advance to respond to an earthquake's potential impact on communications networks and services. Panelists include:

David Applegate—Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards, United States Geological Survey (USGS)

William Carwile, Associate Administrator, Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Paul Hogue, Assistant Executive Director, Central United States Earthquake Consortium

Karen Wong, Deputy Director, Public Safety Communications Office, California Technology Agency

Pete Simpson, Senior Vice President, Trilogy Communications

Jeffery Goldthorp, Associate Chief, Communications Reliability, PSHSB, FCC

One panel will discuss national communications policies and emergency procedures that should be developed to respond to the potential effects of a disaster on the national communications infrastructure and the ability of individual sectors within the communications industry to recover from large scale damage and loss of facilities. Participants include:

Richard Reed—Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Continuity Policy, the White House

Whit Adamson—President, Tennessee Association of Broadcasters

Robert Desiato— Director, Network Disaster Recovery, AT&T

Prem Ramaswami—Product Manager, Google

Tim Woods—Manager, Tactical Operations Support, Cisco Systems, Inc.

Dr. William Lane, Chief, Office of Emergency Management, PSHSB, FCC

On another panel, FCC subject matter experts will discuss the impact of the recent earthquake on Japan’s communications infrastructure and how its legal framework and preparation enabled timely public warning and disaster response. Panelists include:

Anita Dey—Senior Regional Specialist for Asia, International Bureau, FCC

John Healy—Associate Chief, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, PSHSB, FCC

James Miller—Senior Attorney Advisor, Electro-magnetic Compatibility Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Zenji Nakazawa—Deputy Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, PSHSB, FCC