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## EMD Will Investigate Faulty Monthly Tsunami Warning System Test

**Camp Murray, Wash.** – Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) will investigate the cause of today's faulty monthly test of the tsunami alert and warning system in Washington's four coastal counties.

Preliminary reports from the noon test indicated the sirens did not play the prescribed program of Westminster Chimes and verbal message that stated a test of the system was being conducted. The system features 50 sirens which have been installed in Pacific, Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Clallam counties.

“A contractor was on scene for the test and will recheck all of the system's operations and programming,” said John Schelling, EMD earthquake program manager. “The system has operated without error for the past year. Backup procedures remain in place to operate this system while corrections are made.”

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