



# Umatilla County Emergency Management

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Tone Alert Radio Activation for Severe Thunderstorm**

Pendleton, Ore.—Tonight, just after 5:00 p.m., the National Weather Service attempted to send out a warning on the Tone Alert Radios (TARs) that a severe thunderstorm was approaching. For an unknown reason, the message residents received was a long silence followed by a few words in Spanish.

Umatilla County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in Pendleton are working together to determine the cause of the problem and to correct it.

The TARs are part of the warning system for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and would be activated for an emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The TARs are also used by the National Weather Service for severe weather warnings.

There is NO emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

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