

STATE OF MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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To the Residents and Visitors to the State of Missouri:

Missouri residents and visitors to the state have a unique opportunity on April 28, 2011 to participate in the largest environmental emergency preparedness exercise in central U.S. history.

By participating in the first ever "Great Central U.S. ShakeOut," which is scheduled for April 28, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. (CDT), you will partner with statewide emergency managers, scientists, and community leaders to develop your own preparedness strategy, and learn how to prepare, protect and recover from earthquakes.

More than 1.7 million people in at least 11 states have already registered. The exercise is open to anyone willing to participate. During the drill, participants will practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," the recommended procedure to follow when experiencing an earthquake.

The Central United States is not immune to earthquakes. This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a series three earthquakes believed to have been magnitude 7.0 or larger that occurred near the southeast Missouri town of New Madrid, Mo.

Goals for CUSEC of the ShakeOut are to provide a sense of urgency about earthquakes, encourage participants to get prepared, practice what to do to be safe, and learn what plans need to be improved. As a registered participant you will be counted in the largest earthquake drill in Central U.S history. You will receive updates about ShakeOut news and information about earthquakes and preparedness. Individuals, families, schools, universities, businesses, government agencies, faith-based organizations, medical facilities, community groups – all are encouraged to register to participate in the drill.

To register for the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut: [www.shakeout.org/centralus](http://www.shakeout.org/centralus)

Be sure check out the earthquake safety videos submitted by Missouri K-12 students:  
[www.dnr.mo.gov/shakeout/](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shakeout/)

Together, we can work to successfully protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors from earthquakes and other disasters.

If you have any questions about the ShakeOut, please contact the Central United States Earthquake Consortium by phone at 800-824-5817 or by email at [cusec@cusec.org](mailto:cusec@cusec.org).

Sincerely,

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