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HEALTH UPDATE

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Message #2 - Update

Earthquakes Near Provo, Utah

The North Dakota Department of Health has received information from the State Operations Center (SOC) of earthquakes near Provo, Utah.

At 9:36 a.m. today, the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) reported a series of earthquakes that impacted the area near Alpine, Utah. These earthquakes ranged from 3.2 to 4.4 on the Richter scale. The epicenter was located three miles west of Alpine, Utah, approximately 20 miles northeast of Provo, Utah.

Two deaths have been reported and several buildings experienced structural damage, some rockslides were also reported. Earth cracks with the ejection of water and sand were reported. In addition, some creeks increased their flow. The impact of the earthquakes was felt over a 129,500 square mile radius.

The SOC will continue to monitor this situation.

There will be no video conference test today. However, please be aware that there may be additional alerts and video conference follow-up meetings throughout the week as this test scenario continues.

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- *Health Alert conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.*
- *Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.*
- *Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.*
- *Health Information provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.*

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