

March 18, 2008

Tornado Preparedness Day

Sponsored by:

**Virginia Department of Emergency Management
& National Weather Service**

Governor Timothy M. Kaine has proclaimed March 18, 2008, as Tornado Preparedness Day in Virginia.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 9:45 a.m., a statewide tornado drill will be conducted by Emergency Alert Systems and broadcast by NOAA Weather Radio. All national Weather Service offices serving Virginia will issue a tornado drill warning. The warning will be a tone-alert broadcast on NOAA Weather Radios that starts the coordinated statewide test of the Emergency Alert System. The EAS test will be broadcast on television, radio stations and cable systems.

The purpose of this drill is to provide Virginia schools as well as businesses and residents with an opportunity to test their tornado emergency plans. **Jefferson Lab will join the drill and staff participation is mandatory.**

For more information about the statewide drill and tornado preparedness, visit: www.vaemergency.com.

Note: Should severe weather threaten the state on March 18, the tornado drill will be postponed until 9:45 a.m. on March 19, 2008.



Tornado Preparedness at Jefferson Lab

What would you do if you heard a tornado warning here at JLab?

If you are in...

Experimental Halls, Tunnel – Stay put where you are.

ARC, VARC, Test Lab, CEBAF Center, EEL – Seek a hallway or windowless area in the center of the building. Lower floors are preferable to upper. Interior stairwells are usually good places to take shelter. Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.

Normally occupied, permanent buildings within the fence (MCC, CHL, Counting House, 87, 89) – If you can get to an underground area safely, do so. Otherwise follow the instructions above.

Office trailers and other re-locatable structures – Get out! Seek refuge in one of the buildings above.

Caught in the open – Lie flat on low ground, protecting your head. If possible, use open ground away from trees and cars, which can be blown onto you.

JLab's Severe Weather Procedures are found at:

<http://www.jlab.org/intralab/emergency/>

