



URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FLASH FLOOD PREDICTION PROGRAM (F2P2) MESSAGE DEFINITIONS

MESSAGE 1 (*Internal Alert*)

This is an advisory message which is meant to inform key people that weather conditions are such that flood producing storms could develop later in the day. It will be issued by PMS after consultations with NWS. If PMS feels this weather advisory requires priority handling by the communications dispatcher, the message will be preceded with the statement: "THIS IS A **RED FLAG** MESSAGE."

MESSAGE 2 (*Flash Flood Watch*)

This message indicates that a Flash Flood Watch has been issued by NWS and/or PMS feels the risk is high that a life-threatening flood may occur later in the day. PMS will add any additional information that is available. If PMS feels this watch requires priority handling by the communications dispatcher, it will be identified as a **RED FLAG** message.

MESSAGE 3 (*Flash Flood Warning*)

This message indicates that a Flash Flood Warning has been issued by NWS and/or PMS feels that a life-threatening flood is imminent. Again, PMS will add any additional information that is available. This warning message requires priority handling by the communications dispatcher (i.e. **AUTOMATIC RED FLAG**).

MESSAGE UPDATE

This message will be used by PMS to update any of the previous messages, particularly in the event of a disagreement between PMS and NWS. For example, this message can be used to narrow a watch or warning area as more information becomes available or to provide more site-specific data and direction during an event. If PMS feels this update requires priority handling by the communications dispatcher, it will be identified as a **RED FLAG** message.

MESSAGE 4 (*All Clear*)

This message cancels the flood potential status. This message is issued by PMS after consultation with NWS and other entities involved with direct PMS communications.

ABBREVIATIONS:

NWS.....National Weather Service

PMS.....Private Meteorological Service

NOTE: For Boulder County only, MESSAGE Numbers **1, 2, 3, and 4** will be issued as **A, B, C, and D** respectively to avoid confusion with their MACS operational "MODE" Numbers 1-4.