

EMPLOYEE TEXT ALERTS

The last few years have presented the nation, as well as, federal sites with many challenges: pandemic illness, weather impediments, and hazardous situations. Each of these situations has required accurate and timely communication.

As you know, ORO provides a phone number for staff to call to obtain current weather-related information affecting facility openings and closures. In addition, ORO has relied on local news stations to broadcast similar information.

During the closures that occurred the week of 12.13.10 local television and radio stations provided messages that were confusing, and in some instances, inaccurate.

To enhance ORO emergency communication, about a year ago staff were offered the opportunity to provide their personal cell phone number to obtain timely information via text. Offering staff the voluntary option to submit this information to ORO broadened its ability to communicate accurate and timely information about emergencies and vital updates.

From this point forward, the ORO employee hotline used for weather related closings will continue to remain a source for obtaining closure related information. In addition, staff may also voluntarily participate in the OROC texting program or visit [ORO's Facebook page](#). The texting program will be the only additional authorized "source" for obtaining ORO closure-related information.

If you wish to obtain this information on your personal cell, you may do so by completing the information at the following link <http://www-internal.oro.doe.gov/cellphones/>. Staff should not obtain ORO emergency status updates from local television or radio stations. These news venues are no longer approved information sources for ORO staff.

To ensure messages are being sent as required the texting system will be tested today, Wednesday, January 05, 2011, at 3:30pm. If you receive the message, please confirm that receipt by email to OROC@oro.doe.gov . However, if you have signed up for this service and do not receive the test text message, please notify OROC by email at OROC@oro.doe.gov.

In the future, information will be texted to you after IT has confirmed the system is working properly.

NOTE: Cell phone numbers will only be used to communicate important *ORO specific* information to you.