

November 5, 2013

DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 13-26
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
 ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
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FROM: GRACE A. KILBANE
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 Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Winter Weather Preparedness 2013

1. Purpose. To provide Job Corps centers with a preliminary 2013-2014 winter forecast and to remind centers to review previously issued guidance on recommended carbon monoxide exposure prevention, heating system maintenance, and winter weather injury prevention.

2. Background. The first day of winter or the “Winter Solstice” will occur on Saturday, December 21, 2013. South Dakota, however, has already experienced two major snow storms that dumped several feet of snow and caused the deaths of many cattle.

AccuWeather.com expert long-range forecaster Paul Pastelok predicts a mild start to winter in the East, Southeast and Gulf Coast. January may bring colder temperatures, with a chance of snow along the Interstate 95 (I-95) corridor. The Southeast, Tennessee Valley and Gulf Coast could see heavy rain and possible flooding in December and January. The Ohio Valley, Midwest through the central Plains could see an active storm season. There is a possibility of above-normal snow totals for January and February across parts of the northern Plains and upper Midwest. The Northwest and Rockies may experience frequent rain and snow events. Western Oregon and Washington State could see milder weather. California can expect extended periods of rain December through January. (Visit <http://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/us-winter-2013-2014-snow/18574742> for the complete forecast.)

3. Action. Job Corps centers are encouraged to review and continue to implement the preventive measures described in Job Corps Information Notice 09-25, “Best Practices for Preventing Illnesses and Fatalities Caused by Carbon Monoxide Exposure;” Information Notice No. 09-26, “Preventing Cold Weather Injuries and Preparing Facilities for Winter Weather;” Information Notice 09-53, “Space Heater Safety;” Information Notice 11-22, “Winter Weather

Preparedness 2011 – Preventing Carbon Monoxide Exposures;” Information Notice 11-44, “Carbon Monoxide Exposures and OSHA Inspections,” and Information Notice 12-28, “Winter Weather Preparedness 2012.”

Centers are encouraged to contact their states’ emergency management division for more information about winter weather preparedness specific to their geographic locations.

The following resources have been included to assist center prepare for winter weather:

- American Red Cross “Winter Safety Checklist,”
http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4240231_WinterStor ms.pdf
- National Weather Service (NWS) Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services, Weather Awareness Events Schedule,
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/severewxcal.shtml>
- United States Department of Energy, “Portable Space Heaters,”
<http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/portable-heaters>

Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.
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