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Subject: Nomination of two personnel for non-nuclear environmental emergency response

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with the names and contacts of two personnel at your convenience, but **not later than 5 February 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has established a WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS) activity for non-nuclear environmental emergency response and has designated three Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) to conduct this activity: RSMC Montreal, which provides products to Members in Regional Associations (RA) III, IV and V, and RSMC Offenbach and RSMC Toulouse, which provide products in RA I, II and VI.

Upon request from WMO Members, these RSMCs provide a diverse range of crucial forecast products to assist them in the event of incidents and accidents such as forest, grass, or peat fires, major industrial fires, and chemical releases involving hazardous non-nuclear contaminants. These forecast products include relative concentrations from the surface to specific heights, tailored to the nature of the incidents and accidents. Further details on the functions, and forecast products, of the RSMCs can be found in the [Manual on the Global Data-processing and Forecasting System](#) (WMO-No. 485). Please note that the title of the 2023 edition of this publication will be *Manual on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System*.

To request and receive support from the RSMCs, it is essential that each Member identify two personnel for the following roles:

- (1) An "authorized person", as set out in [Section 2.2.2.8](#) of the above manual, who is authorized to request support from the RSMCs;
- (2) An "operational contact point" who is available round-the-clock to receive the forecast products from the RSMCs. It is recommended that this person use a generic email address, monitored 24/7, to permit seamless communication.

I kindly invite you to nominate these two personnel from within your organization at your earliest convenience, but **not later than 5 February 2024**, by sending an email to wipps@wmo.int.

In preparation for emergencies, it is strongly advised to conduct exercises between RSMCs and WMO Members. Upon receipt of your nomination, the RSMC responsible for your region, in coordination with the Secretariat, will contact the authorized person to arrange an exercise.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for your continued support to WIPPS and to inform you that essential information, including the links to the wide range of WIPPS products, are accessible through the WIPPS web portal: <https://community.wmo.int/en/wipps-web-portal>.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Saulo', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General