NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information direct from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day.

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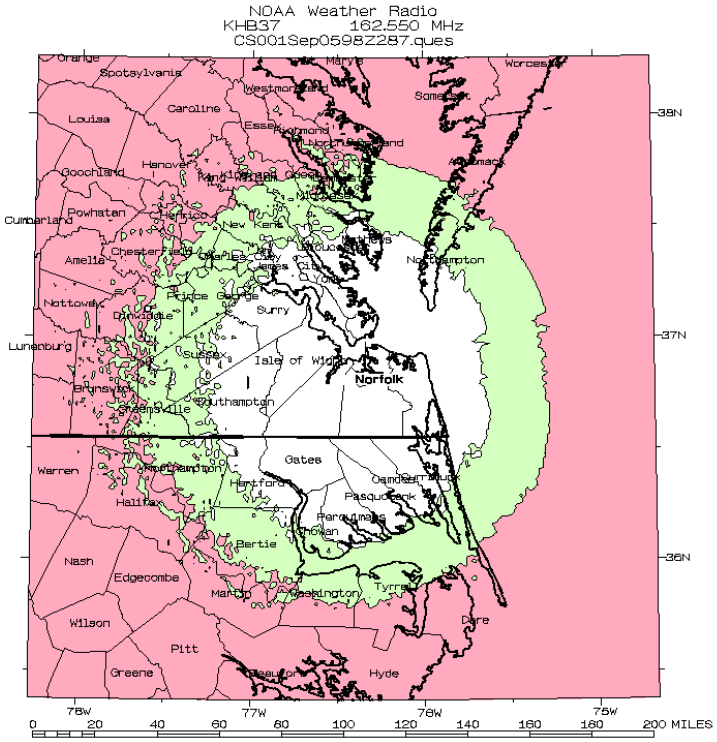

Using NWR SAME

SAME is the acronym for **S**pecific **A**rea **M**essage **E**ncoding. It is a feature that allows you to limit messages and alerts to those issued for the specific areas you are interested in. This greatly reduces the number of "nuisance" alerts.

NWR receivers without the SAME capability alert for emergencies anywhere within the coverage area of the NWR transmitter, typically several counties, even though the emergency could be well away from the listener.

When you first set up a NWR SAME receiver, you must program your county, parish or independent city or marine area into the radio. The instructions will prompt you to enter the codes for the areas you choose.

You can find the SAME station codes for your areas at the following location:

www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm

Do NOT program your radio for louder or clearer station not designated as a SAME channel. You will not receive alerts. Your NWR will then alert you **only** of weather and other emergencies for the county(s)/ area(s) programmed. When an NWS office broadcasts a warning, watch, or non-weather emergency, it also broadcasts a digital SAME code that may be heard as a very brief static burst, depending on the characteristics of the receiver. This SAME code contains the type of message, county(s) affected, and message expiration time.

- A programmed NWR SAME receiver will turn on for that message, with the listener hearing the 1050 Hz warning alarm tone as an attention signal, followed by the broadcast message.
- At the end of the broadcast message, listeners will hear a brief digital end-of-message static burst followed by a resumption of the NWR broadcast cycle.