



ShakeAlert® System Technical Engagement Updates

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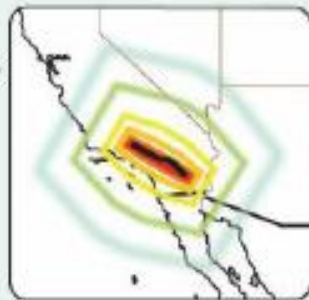
ShakeAlert System Roles and Responsibilities

Who does what in the ShakeAlert[®] System?

USGS ShakeAlert[®] system detects the earthquake



Monitors ground motion in real time

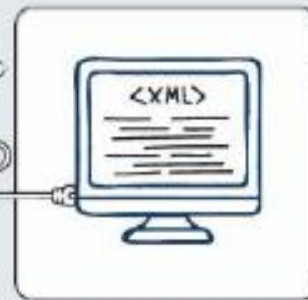


Estimates earthquake location, size, and shaking distribution

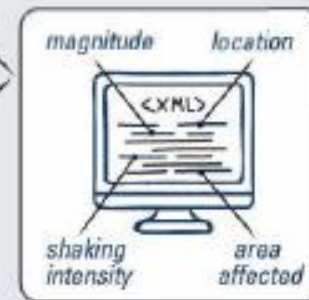


Publishes ShakeAlert Message in XML

Technical Partner delivers the alert



Receives Message via data feed



Screens Message for regionally relevant information



Issues alerts and prompts automated actions

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Technical Engagement Highlights - May 2023

- 12 Licensed Operators (LtOs) and three current pilots to likely to convert to LtO in 2023.

Highlight 1: LtO partner Metrolink just completed expansion of the implementation of enforced stopping of trains across all seven of their passenger lines in Southern California.

Highlight 2: Newest LtO is Allen Science Institute Seattle, WA

- 14 Active Pilot Projects and 4 in review

Highlight 1: the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (CA), has 2 pilots and are developing ways to protect the main lab facility in Pasadena and the Deep Space Network facility near Barstow, California. See: <https://www.usgs.gov/news/science-snippet/shakealert-goes-galactic>

Highlight 2: Eugene Water and Electric Board (OR) developing ways to protect hydroelectric plants through turbine shutdown and power canals by closing intake gates.

- Areas of growth for customers of LtOs include school districts..
- Close working relationship with Cal OES on Technical Engagement.



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ShakeAlert Licensed Operators

Background

The ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning system, operated by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), quickly detects significant earthquakes, estimates shaking, and issues ShakeAlert Messages to Licensed Operators. Licensed Operators, who entered into a license agreement with the USGS, use this information to develop and deliver alerts and notifications to people and trigger automated actions to protect vital systems and infrastructure, potentially seconds before shaking arrives at their location.

In most instances, Licensed Operators are integral to the success of the ShakeAlert project. By building systems that deliver ShakeAlert-powered alerts and automate actions, Licensed Operators help save lives, minimize injuries, and reduce earthquake damage to property and infrastructure. They can play a critical role in mitigating immediate earthquake losses, subsequent indirect earthquake economic impacts, and possible ripple effects, or "secondary disasters." These mitigation efforts can increase a community's recovery and speedy return to normal status.

Licensed Operators span multiple industries and sectors, and include private for-profit companies, public entities, and nonprofit organizations.

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Definitions

- *EEW*: Earthquake Early Warning
- *Licensed Operator (LtO)*: USGS-approved ShakeAlert Partners demonstrated their ShakeAlert-powered product(s), service(s), and/or applications to end-users and met USGS performance standards (e.g., speed, reliability, technical performance, and education and training).
- *End-user*: End-users receive ShakeAlert-powered products or services from LtO Partners. End-users include people who receive these products or services directly (e.g., to their cell phones), as well as organizations that work with an LtO Partner to implement automated "machine-to-machine" actions.
- *Business-to-Business*: A B2B, or "business-to-business" company provides ShakeAlert-powered products and services to other businesses.
- *Business-to-Consumer*: A B2C, or "business-to-consumer," company sells directly to individual consumers.

The following ShakeAlert Licensed Operators (LtO) provide ShakeAlert-powered implementations.

Licensed Operator	Product Name	Type of Product	Can automate infrastructure actions allowed under agreement with USGS	Can deliver alerts in public spaces where end-users are in controlled environments (e.g., hospitals, offices)	Can deliver public alerts to end-users in any environment (e.g., cell phone app)	Current implementation examples	Business-to-business (B2B) or Business-to-consumer (B2C)	Location availability of product, service, or application	Website	Preferred contact information
Early		Mobile				PA systems, speakers, VOIP, voice activated fire alarm boxes, handheld two-way radio; open gates and fire			Washington,	Jack Backhaus

Social Science/Technical Engagement Project: A Counterfactual Analysis of ShakeAlert[®] and Water Utilities



- **Lead Institutions:** University of New Mexico and USGS
- **Research Team:** Professor Yolanda Lin (UNM) and Dr. Sara McBride (USGS)
- **Goals:** Support the expansion of technical implementation of the ShakeAlert System by determining the benefits of implementation on water utility systems.
- **Description:** Counterfactual analysis is the process of determining the benefits of having systems in place when a disaster occurs, rather than determining “lessons learned.” This focuses on less constrained positive benefits of the system.
- Research includes a literature review, interviews, and content analysis on technical documents.
- **Status:** Interviews complete; data analysis/article writing is currently underway.

Technical/Industry Engagement Strategy (TIES) Project 2023-26



USGS hired *Constant Associates* for TIES. Project kickoff was on 4/20/23

- Contract Duration: Up to 3 years

Goals:

- Develop a strategy for engagement of key technical sectors (aligned with Presidential Policy Directive 21 [PPD-21]: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience). Full table in 2021-26 ShakeAlert CEO&TE Strategic Plan.
- Define a 4-year action plan (to the end of 2026) to be implemented by the ShakeAlert CEO&TE team
- Develop tools to aid in the recruitment of potential technical partners in communications, manufacturing, infrastructure, technology, and other key industries that either can directly benefit from EEW or are positioned to develop ShakeAlert-powered products and services for end-users in CA, OR, and WA.
- TIES Focus Team will provide oversight for contractor. **Megan Sullivan** represents Cal OES on the Focus Team.

Thank you!



Questions and Discussion