National Weather Service Operations Proving Ground

The NWS Operations Proving Ground (OPG) mission is to represent NWS field offices in the R2O process by conducting "last mile" readiness evaluations of promising new science and technology innovations in a realistic operational environment. In addition, some experimental services and methods for improving communication of NWS expertise to core partners are subjects of OPG assessment. Where appropriate, these tests involve collaborations with relevant stakeholders such as social scientists or emergency management officials. CIMMS Research staff support the OPG mission by creating and executing operational readiness evaluations and assisting with the daily operating tasks within the OPG.

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