Los Alamos County has a new emergency alert radio station that broadcasts important safety advisories about emergencies in the area, weather information, community events, and public service announcements.

The station, AM 1610, WQFJ 525, does not air commercials or entertainment material.

“This is strictly a tool to disseminate information to the public,” said Phil Taylor, Emergency Management Coordinator for Los Alamos County. “This new station provides the county with yet another means to get emergency information out to citizens.”

This station also will help the Laboratory report emergency information to the public. The Lab’s Emergency Management and Response team is coordinating with county emergency management so that the Lab can broadcast emergency information via this radio station, explained Doug Tuggle of Response Services (ER-RS).

The Los Alamos Emergency Management Radio was purchased with a Homeland Security grant and has been broadcasting information since November. The station is audible in most of Los Alamos, White Rock, and much of the Laboratory.

For more information about the radio station, contact Taylor at 663-3511 or write to philmont.taylor@lacnm.us by electronic mail, or contact Emergency Management and Response at 7-6211.