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REPORT: SALEM COUNTY EARTHQUAKE

(SALEM, NJ)—Deputy County Administrator and Public Information Officer Robin Weinstein today announced that Salem County has received no reports of major damages or injury as a result of today's 2.8 earthquake. The earthquake affected Salem County at approximately 9:46 AM and was confirmed by the National Geological Survey's National Earthquake Center in Colorado at 10:30 AM.

"The County Office of Emergency Management received approximately 150 calls from eight municipalities reporting a tremor," said Deputy County Administrator Weinstein. "Our Office of Emergency Management, working with law enforcement and municipal officials, immediately went to work to ascertain the cause of the tremor and to ensure that no explosions or terroristic activity was the cause. At 10:30 AM we received confirmation that it was an earthquake, and utilizing our reverse 9-1-1 system, county residents were notified and informed that no protective actions were required."

According to the National Earthquake Center in Golden Colorado, the epicenter of the 2.8 magnitude earthquake was 2 miles East-Southeast of Pennsville Township, near Mannington Township.

"As a result of the earthquake, our County Engineering Department will be inspecting our roadways and bridges to ensure that they have maintained their structural integrity," said Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee. "We are not expecting any problems; however safety is our paramount objective."

"Our Office of Emergency Management and law enforcement officials have once again shown themselves to be true professionals," said Freeholder David T. Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee. "The incident was handled in a timely and effective matter. Rumors were dispelled quickly through prompt communication to our county residents and media outlets. They are to be commended."

"There are no reports of any damage to critical infrastructure," said Deputy County Administrator Weinstein. "All major businesses report that they are operating normally."