



## **INCREASED ACTIVITY AT KICK EM JENNY POSES NO SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO COASTAL RESIDENTS**

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, July 23, 2015 - GIS:** The Seismic Research Centre, University of the West Indies says that renewed activity at the Kick em' Jenny under water Volcano just off Grenada represents no significant threat to the coastal regions of nearby islands.

As a consequence there is no need to move people away from coastlines.

Lloyd Lynch, researcher at the Trinidad-based Centre briefed disaster management officials in Grenada Thursday afternoon.

He told an emergency meeting of the National Emergency Advisory Committee at NaDMA Headquarters that more minor eruptions can be expected before the system goes back to sleep.

But he noted that the undersea volcano remains well below the surface, which cancels out any threat of a major tsunami.

Earlier, the Seismic Research Centre issued an orange alert regarding the status of the Kick 'em Jenny Volcano.

Orange alert means highly elevated level of seismic activities consistent with the small tremors which have been occurring over the past two weeks.

Orange alert also means that all ships must stay outside the five kilometer exclusion zone of Kick 'em Jenny.

Currently, the volcano is most dangerous for ships and boats since the gases released by Kick 'em Jenny can lower the density of the water causing them to sink even if it is not erupting.

The Seismic Centre of the UWI is constantly monitoring the situation, and should there be a change in the current status, immediate advisories will be issued.

The people of Grenada should be careful to take note of only official advisories on the matter, which if needed, will come from the National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA).

Please note that there was no need for panic, and people should go about their daily lives as normal.

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