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This paper is a somewhat revised version of the one previously given as a keynote lecture in the ECI Conference, 'Geohazards: Technical, Economical and Social Consequences'. Some changes have been made to the original paper and the oral presentation: several of the figures and pictures illustrating the recent events have been eliminated, only one decision analysis example is shown and the review of literature on other warning systems has been expanded. Readers interested in the conference paper and oral presentation are referred to the website: http://services.bepress.com/eci/geohazards/



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