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## Supplementary Manual to the Report

A Guide to using the Database of the Early Warning System (EWS)