



## VOLCANIC ERUPTION

### *Description*

A *volcano* is an eruption from the earth's interior. The material coming from the eruption may be in the form of slow lava flow, or an explosive blast of powdered rock, steam, and other gases.

### *Related Hazards*

Volcanic eruptions can generate mild to moderate earthquakes, mudflows, flash floods, and ash clouds that can create intense storms.

### *Geographical Considerations*

The primary areas affected include the Pacific Rim States of Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California. Montana and Wyoming also are at risk, but to a much lesser extent.