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Federal Communications Commission
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In the Matter of: PS Docket No. 15-94
EAS Testing
PS Docket No. 15-91
Wireless Emergency Alerts

2021 National EAS Test Date

In accordance with the provisions set forth in CFR 47, Part 11.61(a)(3) Tests of EAS Procedures, FEMA hereby notifies the Commission that FEMA has selected Wednesday, August 11, 2021, as the primary test date for the 2021 national EAS test with Wednesday, August 25, 2021 as a back-up date should conditions preclude conducting the test on the primary date. FEMA proposes to conduct this test at 2:20 PM EDT (18:20 GMT). The test message will use the National Periodic Test (NPT) event code and be geo-targeted using the All-US (000000) geocode.

This year FEMA proposes to originate the EAS portion of the test via the National Public Warning System composed of the FEMA designated Primary Entry Point (PEP) facilities. The intent of conducting the test in this fashion is to determine the capability of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to deliver messages to the public in event that dissemination via internet is not available. The public should be aware that full message text and multilingual messaging will not be available due to the over the air message delivery and relay used in this system of EAS message dissemination.

As in past years the national EAS test message will look and sound very much like the regular Required Monthly Test (RMT) messages broadcast every month by all EAS Participants, broadcast radio and television, cable, wireline service providers, and direct broadcast satellite service providers.

Concurrent with the proposed 2021 National EAS Test FEMA also proposes to originate a Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) test by originating a WEA message using the WEA test handling code targeting only cell phones where the user has opted-in to receive WEA test messages.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Antwane Johnson, Director, IPAWS PMO.

Respectfully Submitted,

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