

EB Docket No. 04-296
Comment

Your EAS web page talks about comments from broadcasters and others, with no mention of television viewers. If possible, as a viewer, I'd like to add my comments to all this, especially concerning the weekly EAS tests.

In the last few years, I've heard these EAS tests well over thirty times. Each time, I was blasted with overly loud tones, causing me to scramble for the mute button, and the television program was interrupted. In other words, it is not a pleasant experience and tolerance, even for something this important, only goes so far.

My simple suggestion is to reduce the frequency of these tests, from weekly tests to a single monthly test. A single monthly test would reasonably ensure the system is functioning, while reducing how often viewers are subjected to the tests. However the single monthly test would still allow viewers to experience the tests occasionally to ensure familiarity with the system.

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