Multi-Language EAS? Our radio station has two foreign language programs aired on weekends; FRENCH and PORTUGUESE, we have no one on our staff who broadcasts in Spanish, nor any employees who understand the language.

We implore the commission not to require Multilingual EAS alerts; in our radio audience, Spanish is not the second language! All repeating emergency messages in Spanish, or any other language for that matter would do, is take away from the nature of the warning and the require more time needed to explain the nature of the emergency and further dissemination. Instead, I propose that a simple sentence, in English be proposed, I suggest the following: ???Please translate this warning message to those you know, who do not understand English???. In our state, at least 15 languages are spoken!

Since none of our paid staff understand Spanish, such messages would simply use twice as much time as one in transmitted in English and could actually confuse the issue, by those who tune in late, for example, and may wonder what the message is all about and why we are broadcasting in Spanish! There is also the matter of some systems "timing out" due to inordinate message length.

The EAS is complex enough without adding this unneeded level of confusion. The first national test of system proved we have a long way to go, just to send an English messages across this country.

A more logical approach would be that stations who broadcast in another language, other than English, should consider, or perhaps be mandated, to translate important EAS messages received, from English into whatever the primary language is broadcast by that station using bilingual personal in their employ.