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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU NOTES RESCHEDULING OF NATIONWIDE TEST OF WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS AND THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR OCTOBER 3, 2018

PS Docket Nos. 15-91, 15-94

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that the nationwide test of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS), originally scheduled for September 20, 2018,<sup>1</sup> has been postponed to the back-up test date of October 3, 2018. The WEA test will originate at 2:18 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and the EAS test will originate at 2:20 p.m. The test is being rescheduled due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence.<sup>2</sup>

All Participating Commercial Mobile Service Providers and EAS Participants are required to participate in this nationwide test.<sup>3</sup> EAS Participants shall file the “day of test” information sought by ETRS Form Two at or before 11:59 PM EDT on October 3, 2018.<sup>4</sup> EAS Participants shall file the detailed post-test data sought by ETRS Form Three on or before November 19, 2018.<sup>5</sup>

For further information regarding the nationwide EAS test, contact Austin Randazzo, Attorney Advisor, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-1462 or [austin.randazzo@fcc.gov](mailto:austin.randazzo@fcc.gov), or Gregory Cooke, Deputy Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-2351 or [gregory.cooke@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.cooke@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Nationwide Test of the Wireless Emergency Alert and Emergency Alert Systems on September 20, 2018*, Public Notice, PS Docket No. 15-94, DA 18-754 (PSSHB July 20, 2018) (Test Announcement Public Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Press Release, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alerting Systems (Sept. 17, 2018), <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2018/09/17/nationwide-test-emergency-alerting-systems>.

<sup>3</sup> The waiver granted by the Bureau requiring Participating CMS Providers’ participation in the September 20 test expressly allowed for an October 3 back-up date. *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, Order, DA 18-752 at 3, para. 6 (PSSHB July 20, 2018), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-grants-waiver-allow-wireless-emergency-alert-test>; see also 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(i).

<sup>4</sup> EAS Participants are required to file “day of test” data within 24 hours of any nationwide EAS test or as otherwise required by the Bureau. 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(iv)(B).

<sup>5</sup> EAS Participants are required to file detailed post-test data within 45 days following a nationwide EAS test. 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(iv)(C).