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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU REMINDS EAS PARTICIPANTS OF UPCOMING FILING DEADLINE FOR 2019 NATIONWIDE EAS TEST

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The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) reminds all Emergency Alert System (EAS) Participants¹ of the deadline to file Form Three in the EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS) on or before September 23, 2019.² ETRS Form Three requests detailed, post-test data regarding the nationwide test of the EAS, conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the FCC, on August 7, 2019.³

At the time the nationwide EAS test was administered, ETRS Forms Two and Three, which seek information regarding whether EAS Participants successfully received and retransmitted the test message, became available for submission. ETRS Form Two requests “day of test” information. ETRS Form Three requests information regarding the filer’s participation in the nationwide EAS test, including the source from which the facility first received the test message. Form Three filers may also provide information about any complications the facility may have experienced in the receipt or retransmission of the test. The Bureau emphasizes the importance of submitting accurate, detailed, and timely information about each EAS Participant’s experience with the test in their ETRS Form Three. Accurate reporting in the ETRS provides the Commission with important information on technical and operational performance that can help identify steps, if any, to further improve EAS as a reliable alerting tool and ensure people receive alerts in the event of an emergency.

Additional information, including instructional videos and answers to frequently asked questions about entering data into the ETRS forms, can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting->

¹ EAS Participants are those entities that are required to comply with the Commission’s EAS rules, including analog radio and television stations, wired and wireless cable television systems, digital broadcast systems, digital television broadcast stations, Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service, digital cable, digital audio broadcasting systems, and wireline video systems. 47 CFR §§ 11.2(b), 11.11(a).

² 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). Form One was due on July 3, 2019, and Form Two was due at or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on August 7, 2019. See 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(iv)(A) & (B).

³ At 2:20 p.m. EDT on August 7, 2019, FEMA conducted a live test of the EAS. All EAS Participants were required to participate in this nationwide test. 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(i). See also *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System on August 7, 2019 and Opens the EAS Test Reporting System for 2019 Filings*, Public Notice, PS Docket No. 15-94, DA 19-505 (PSHSB June 3, 2019); *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Reminds EAS Participants of Upcoming Dates and Deadlines for 2019 Nationwide EAS Test*, Public Notice, PS Docket No. 15-94, DA 19-612 (PSHSB July 1, 2019).

[system](#). Filers may contact Bureau staff for assistance in completing ETRS Form Three at ETRS@fcc.gov.

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