



PRESS RELEASE

A National Emergency Alert System Test Will Take Place Tomorrow

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The nationwide test will occur tomorrow, November 9 at 2 p.m. and is planned to last for 30 seconds, but may last for up to three and a half minutes. The public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for radio, television, and cable.

The National-level EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during extreme emergencies. Similar to local EAS tests that are conducted frequently, the Nationwide Test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline providers across all states and territories.

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