

Nationwide Test Scheduled for the Emergency Alert System

The FCC and FEMA are planning the first EAS nationwide test, which will take place at 2:00 PM (EST), Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The test will last approximately three (3) minutes. Normal programming will return following the test.

The November 9 test will utilize a “live” national alert code, *i.e.*, a coded message that will present itself as an actual emergency announcement, not a test. This is necessary in order to allow FCC and FEMA to test the actual working order reliability of legacy EAS equipment and the state of readiness of EAS operators and participants.

An audio message will precede the alert message announcing that the exercise is a Test Only. Other information will be broadcast after the test concludes.

Additional information about the test is available at the FCC’s website ([www.fcc.gov/nationwide EAS test](http://www.fcc.gov/nationwide%20EAS%20test)).