



Testing with the IPAWS Lab at the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC)

Instructions are prepared under the assumption that an active Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is in place between the FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office and an alerting authority.

1. On-Site Testing:

- Alerting authority contacts the JITC Point of Contact (POC)
- Alerting authority and JITC POC coordinates dates to visit the lab
- JITC POC provides Navy vetting documents and instructions to the alerting authority (if required)
- Alerting authority completes and submits vetting documents to the JITC POC; the JITC POC will review and then forward to JITC Security
- Alerting authority ensures the JITC endpoint and JITC security certificate are uploaded to the alert origination tool
- Alerting authority determines a testing agenda
- Alerting authority drafts requirements, scenarios, test scripts, etc.
- JITC configures EAS devices in accordance with an alerting authority Collaborative Operating Group (COG) permissions

2. Off-Site Testing (via webinar):

- Alerting authority contacts the JITC POC
- Alerting authority provides two to three test dates and times (typically one hour)
- JITC schedules a webinar and provides link and teleconference number to the alerting authority
- Alerting authority ensures JITC endpoint and JITC security certificate are uploaded to alert origination tool
- Alerting authority coordinates webinar attendees (e.g., vendor and/or colleagues) JITC configures EAS devices in accordance with alerting authority COG permissions

3. Independent Testing:

- No need to notify JITC POC
- Alerting authority ensures JITC endpoint and JITC security certificate are uploaded to alert origination tool
- Alerting authority verifies test alerts via the IPAWS Message Viewer: (instructions attached) https://ipaws-open.net/ALERT_SERVICES/postedmessages.php?COGID=15XXXXX

JITC POC:
Jody Smith
Manager, IPAWS Lab
JITC
3341 Strauss Avenue, Building 900
Indian Head, MD 20640
301.743.4267 (direct)
301.743.4354 (lab)
Jody.m.smith20.ctr@mail.mil

Stan Eckert
Action Officer
JITC
3341 Strauss Avenue, Building 900
Indian Head, MD 20640
301.743.4267 (direct)
301.743.4354 (lab)
William.s.eckert.civ@mail.mil

