



Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) TIP #6: The 2018 IPAWS National Test UPDATE

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As of today, FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has postponed the nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) until the previously scheduled back up date on October 3, due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Thursday, September 20, 2018. The WEA portion of the test will take place at 2:18 PM EST and the EAS portion follows at 2:20 PM EDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the IPAWS infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine if technological improvements are needed. The EAS test will be conducted in conjunction with radio, television, and cable operators in all U.S. states, territories and tribal lands, and the WEA test will take place in coordination with wireless providers.

This will be the first nationwide IPAWS WEA test.

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