

FEMA: Week in Review



Louisiana Recovery Office
New Orleans, LA

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Announcements

National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) **KICK-OFF EVENT!!!**

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011

Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center • 2000 Lakeshore Drive
New Orleans, LA

Join federal, state and city leaders in the official launch of the National Disaster Recovery Framework. Limited seating available; pre-registration required. For more information or to pre-register, email FEMA-LATRO@fema.dhs.gov. If registering, please provide name, agency/company, address and contact information.

Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test November 9, 2011

As part of our larger efforts to strengthen our nation's preparedness and resiliency, FEMA and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first national-level test of the Emergency Alert System on Nov. 9 of this year at 2 p.m. eastern. Similar to the way local emergency alert system tests are conducted, the nationwide test will involve television stations (including digital television, cable, satellite audio and television services) and broadcast radio stations across the U.S. and several U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa) at the same time.

What will people hear and see during the test? On Nov. 9, the public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. However, the image on the screen and the text/crawl at the top of television screen may not be the same for all viewers. When the Emergency Alert System test is over, regular programming will resume.

How long will the test last? We anticipate that the test will last approximately three minutes. While most messages, such as tsunami or hurricane warnings, are limited to two minutes by the emergency alert system, the Presidential message capability (which will be used in the national test) does not have a time limit. So to evaluate if the system properly interprets the Presidential message code in this test, the message duration must be longer than two minutes in length.

Since we first announced the test, we've been actively engaged with our partners at the Federal Communications Commission, our state, tribal, territorial and local partners, the broadcast community, and other key stakeholders to make sure the word gets out about the upcoming test, and we'll continue to spread the word in the coming weeks. Please [visit the FCC website for more information](#) about the test, including answers to some frequently asked questions.

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FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION Tropical Storm Lee Oct. 28, 2011

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DESIGNATED PARISHES

East Feliciana, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Terrebonne, and West Feliciana

HAZARD MITIGATION DESIGNATED PARISHES

All parishes in the State of Louisiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Calendar

Nov. 7: Plaquemines South Transportation Building Ribbon Cutting; 155 Packard Lane, Buras, LA; 4 p.m.

South Plaquemines Elementary School Groundbreaking; 218 School Road, Port Sulphur, LA; 5 p.m.

Nov. 8: Free Webinar - Intro to National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF); [National Disaster Recovery Framework \(NDRF\)](#); 1:45 p.m. EST.

Nov. 9: Nationwide EAS Test at 2 p.m. (eastern).

Dec. 1: National Disaster Recovery Framework Kick-Off event in New Orleans. For more information, email [NDRF KICK-OFF EVENT](#).

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: 23 units

Gustav/Ike: 7 units

