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Subject: Updated: Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert and Emergency Alert
Systems Tests Scheduled for October 3, 2018

Updated Effective Date to October 3, 2018.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a national test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system and Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 2:18 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and 2:20 pm EDT, respectively. These tests will assess the readiness to distribute an emergency message nationwide and determine whether improvements are needed.

The two tests will be conducted together. In the event that widespread severe weather or another significant event occurs on September 20, 2018, the tests will be postponed until Wednesday, October 3, 2018, with the WEA test at 2:18 pm EDT and the EAS test at 2:20 pm EDT.

Details on how the test messages will reach the public, the exact contents of the test messages, and other test information is posted on FEMA's webpage at:

<https://www.fema.gov/Emergency-Alert-Test>

NWS will not convey any test messages across NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or any other NWS dissemination systems.

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