

**UPDATE**  
**August 10, 2021**

**FINAL REMINDER: Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test**  
**TOMORROW, August 11, 2021**

Yesterday, the FCC and FEMA released a [Public Notice](#) reminding the public that FEMA will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (“EAS”) on **Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 2:20pm EDT**. All EAS Participants, including multichannel video programming distributors, must receive and broadcast the test message in an accessible format. The test will be approximately one minute long.

In conjunction with the National Test, **EAS Participants must also file “day of test” information sought by ETRS Form Two on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, and must file ETRS Form Three on or before September 27, 2021.**

If you have questions about EAS or about preparing for the upcoming nationwide EAS test, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or [sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com](mailto:sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com) or Bruce Beard at (314) 394-1535 or [bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com](mailto:bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com).

**Copyright Forms and Fees Due by August 30, 2021**

Cable operators must file with the U.S. Copyright Office their Statement of Accounts (Form SA1-2 or SA3) and pay any royalty fees due for the January 2021 – June 2021 accounting period by **August 30, 2021** (August 29<sup>th</sup>, the normal deadline, falls on a Sunday this year). The following forms apply:

- **SA1-2 Short Form.** For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of less than \$527,600.
- **SA3 Long Form.** For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of \$527,600 or more.

Cable operators may now electronically sign and submit their SOAs. Excel-based SA1-2E Short Form and SA3E Long Form, along with additional instructions regarding the forms, are available for download on the Copyright Office’s [Section 111 webpage](#). Cable operators may choose to continue to use the paper-based forms as well.

Copyright filings must be accompanied by a filing fee in addition to the royalty payment. The filing fee is calculated based on the type of form filed:

SOA Type	Filing Fee
SA-1 (\$137,100 or less gross revenues)	\$15
SA-2 (\$137,101 – \$527,599 gross revenues)	\$20
SA-3 (\$527,600 or more gross revenues)	\$725

Operators must also remit the royalty fee and filing fee in a single electronic payment. If you have any questions about copyright forms or fees, please contact Bruce Beard at (314) 394-1535 or [bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com](mailto:bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com).

### **FCC Form 477 Due September 1, 2021**

The next Form 477 is due **September 1, 2021**. Telephone, broadband, and interconnected VoIP providers must report information about broadband connections and local telephone service as of June 30, 2021.

Instructions for filers can be found [here](#). Filers can also review a brief summary of the Form 477 on the FCC's [website](#). If you have any questions about Form 477, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or [sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com](mailto:sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com).

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