

UPDATE
October 7, 2026

FCC and FEMA to Hold EAS National Test on November 17, 2026

ETRS Form One Due by October 30, 2026

Last month, the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau released a [Public Notice](#) announcing that FEMA, in collaboration with the FCC, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System ("EAS") at 2:20pm ET on November 17, 2026 (with a backup date of December 3, 2026).

The Public Notice also provides notice that the EAS Test Reporting System ("ETRS") is now open and accepting 2026 filings. EAS Participants, which include cable operators, must renew their identifying information in ETRS Form One by **October 30, 2026**.

Filers can access ETRS by visiting the ETRS page on the FCC's website here:
<https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting-system>.

The Bureau also reminded all EAS Participants that they must file the "day of test" information sought by ETRS Form Two on or before 2:20 pm ET on **November 19, 2026** (or December 5, 2026 if the test is conducted on the alternative date) and must file ETRS Form Three on or before **January 4, 2027** (or January 18, 2026 if the test is conducted on the alternative date).

If you have questions about EAS or about preparing your cable system for the upcoming nationwide EAS test, please contact Scott Friedman at (608) 469-3596 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

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