



The FCC Issues a Public Notice for Mandatory 2017 Nationwide EAS Test for all stations. Information and instructions are following:

FEMA, in collaboration with the FCC, will conduct a new nationwide test on September 27, 2017 for all broadcasters, including LPFM stations and other EAS participants. The EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS) is currently open and accepting 2017 filings. Even if you participated in the 2016 nationwide test, you are required to participate in the 2017 test. This is absolutely mandatory and you must renew your identifying information on a yearly basis.

The 2017 ETRS Form One must be completed on, or before August 28, 2017 for each EAS decoder, EAS encoders, and units that combine both functions (LPFM stations only need to submit a form for each EAS decoder unit).

By the end of the day of test 11:59 PM, September 27, 2017 each station must submit any updates or corrections to their 2017 ETRS Form One filings and must file the “day of test” information required by ETRS Form Two.

Post-test data required by ETRS Form Three will be due no later than November 13, 2017.

Form Two and Form Three will be available in the ETRS once the 2017 test begins on September 27.

In order to access the Forms One, Two, and Three you must first create a mandatory new register account with the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES). *You must read, understand, and act on the FCC Public Notice regarding the upcoming nationwide test.*

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Find here the ETRS instructional videos to help you correctly fill out CORES registration, Forms One, Two, and Three <https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting-system>

Find here the CORES Public Notice with written filing instructions and links: http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0724/DA-17-708A1.pdf

Find here the FCC Public Notice regarding the new 2017 Nationwide Test: http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0724/DA-17-708A1.pdf

Find here the FCC updated the EAS Operating Handbook.

<https://www.fcc.gov/file/12715/download> *This new, updated EAS Operator Handbook is required to be understood by your engineering, management and operators and located at a central duty point or at EAS equipment locations in easy reach of an EAS-able operator.*

Make sure your EAS unit has the correct firmware to be able to receive the 2017 Nationwide test. If all was good for the 2016 test, you should be fine for the 2017 test.

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