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### **First national Emergency Alert System test scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>**

RICHMOND, VA – The Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System at approximately 2 p.m. on November 9, 2011. The test will last approximately three minutes.

The test will include transmission of a "live" Emergency Action Notification alert code to all EAS participants and a notice to the general public that the EAS has been activated for a national emergency, along with an audible notice that "this is a test." The test will not be carried on NOAA Weather Radios.

Because this is a "live code" test, the automatically generated EAS text crawl on TV screens will display as an actual Emergency Action Notification. Nothing in the text crawl will indicate that the alert is a test. Broadcasters have been encouraged to use a text slide in conjunction with the crawl, but they are not required to do so.

For more information about the November 9<sup>th</sup> test of the Emergency Alert System, visit: [www.easalert.org](http://www.easalert.org).

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