

HELPFUL INFORMATION (cont'd.)

The following elements of the Nationwide EAS Test are necessary to ensure a thorough testing of the national EAS distribution system:

- The Nationwide EAS Test will use the Emergency Action Notification (EAN) Event code, the Event code that would be used in an actual national emergency.
- The test will last approximately 30 seconds.
- The audio portion of the test will state: “This is a Test.” However, for video service providers (a category that includes broadcast, cable, satellite, and wireline video providers), the EAN code will automatically generate a text crawl that will say “A Primary Entry Point station has issued an Emergency Action Notification . . . “ The text crawl will not indicate that the event is a test. (Please see page 12 for manufacturer-specific text crawls).
 - FCC rules require only that video service providers transmit a visual message containing the information resident in the EAS header code. There is no EAN test code at this time, and the information within the EAN header code cannot be altered.
 - To minimize public confusion and to ensure that the test is fully accessible, video service provider EAS Participants are encouraged to insert a separate visual element during the test to indicate to their viewers that “**THIS IS A TEST**” if doing so is technically and operationally feasible and does not interfere with the operation of the underlying test. A model graphic is provided as Appendix A.

For more detailed information, refer to the FCC’s Nationwide EAS Test web site at: www.fcc.gov/nationwideeastest

Nationwide EAS Test Activation Procedures (Non-Participating Systems)

8 Transmit this announcement.

This announcement should be pre-recorded if automatic operation is used.

For Manual Operation transmit the following:



Make this Announcement

This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. This test will last for approximately 30 seconds.

During this test, most television and radio providers will remain on the air to participate in the test.

This is (station name). We will be discontinuing programming for the duration of the test.

Our programming will resume at the end of the test, in approximately 30 seconds.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT