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Subject: Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test
 scheduled for August 7, 2019

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a national test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at 220 PM EDT. The test will assess the system's readiness to distribute an emergency message nationwide. The test message will clearly state that the alert is only a test of the EAS.

In the event that widespread severe weather or another significant event occurs on August 7, 2019, the test will be postponed until Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 220 PM EDT.

NWS will not convey any national test messages across NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or any other NWS dissemination systems.

Members of the public and interested stakeholder organizations that are in a position to observe test results in their communities can provide useful feedback on the nationwide test, including any problems observed or any complications in the delivery of the EAS message, by reporting their observations to the FCC Public Safety Support Center at:
<https://www.fcc.gov/general/public-safety-support-center>

Many NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) conduct NWR Required Weekly Tests (RWT) on Wednesdays. WFOs, in conjunction with local officials, may decide not to issue the RWT or to change the regular time for disseminating the RWT. In so, your local WFO will provide more information prior to August 7.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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