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Subject: Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test and Wireless Emergency
Alert Test Scheduled for August 11, 2021

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct national tests of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 2:20 pm EDT. The tests will assess the readiness to distribute an emergency message nationwide. The test messages will clearly state the alert is only a test.

In the event that widespread severe weather or another significant event occurs on August 11, 2021, both tests will be postponed until Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 2:20 pm EDT.

General information on the EAS and WEA tests is provided at:

<https://www.fema.gov/event/ipaws-national-test>

For more information on WEAs, including how to opt into test alerts, please visit:

<https://www.fcc.gov/public-safety-and-homeland-security/policy-and-licensing-division/alerting/general/wireless>

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

Please note that many Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) conduct NWR Required Weekly Tests (RWTs) on Wednesdays. WFOs, in conjunction with local officials, may decide to not issue the RWT or to change the regular time for disseminating the RWT. For these situations, more information may be provided prior to August 11 by your local WFO.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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