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The 2018 IPAWS National Test (INT) Reminder

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has postponed the nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) until Wednesday, October 3, due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence.

The WEA portion of the test commences at 2:18 p.m. EDT, and the EAS portion follows at 2:20 p.m. EDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether improvements are needed.

October 3 was the previously scheduled back-up date for the test, which was originally set up for this Thursday, September 20. A backup date is always planned in case of widespread severe weather or other significant events on the primary test date. FEMA and the nation's emergency management community remain committed to the life-saving activities occurring through parts of North Carolina and South Carolina.

This will be the first nationwide IPAWS WEA test.

Please visit <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-alert-test>, for additional information.