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Media Release

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Re: Emergency Alert System (EAS) Conducts its First National Test on
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Emergency Alert System Test – November 9, 2011

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Wednesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern). At that time, on both radio and television, the public will hear a message indicating that *"This is a test."* The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. **The test will last approximately 30 seconds.**

A Nationwide EAS Test will help the federal partners and EAS participants determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

As the Federal government prepares for and tests their capability, this event serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves, their families, communities, and businesses.

Anyone can visit www.FloridaDisaster.org and www.Ready.gov for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency.