PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU REMINDS EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS THAT THEY MUST BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS COMMON ALERTING PROTOCOL-FORMATTED EAS ALERTS BY JUNE 30, 2012

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The Federal Communication Commission’s (Commission) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau reminds Emergency Alert System (EAS) Participants that “[o]n or before June 30, 2012, EAS Participants must have deployed operational equipment that is capable”¹ of receiving and processing Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)-formatted EAS alerts in a manner consistent with the Commission’s EAS rules² as amended by the Fifth Report and Order in the above-referenced docket.³ This means any necessary equipment must be installed and operational by that date.

For further information regarding this requirement, please contact Tom Beers, Chief, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0952; or Gregory Cooke, Associate Chief, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-2351.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 11.56 (a).
² 47 C.F.R. Part 11.