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**For Immediate Release****ALASKA BROADCASTER FACES PROPOSED FINE FOR  
APPARENT VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION RULES*****FM Station Apparently Failed to Maintain Public Records, Respond to Agency  
Inquiries, and Meet Obligations Related to the Emergency Alert System***

WASHINGTON, July 19, 2017 – The Federal Communications Commission today issued a proposed \$66,000 fine against FM radio station licensee Kenai Educational Media in Seward, Alaska for numerous apparent violations of FCC rules, including actions that undermine the effectiveness of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). Broadcasters have very important obligations related to EAS, a critical system for ensuring the public can receive accurate and expedient alerts and warnings during times of local and national emergencies.

Kenai Educational Media, which operates KIBH-FM, was notified on multiple occasions by the FCC that it had programmed its EAS equipment messages for a radio station serving a different geographic area than that served by Kenai, was failing to monitor at least two EAS sources, and did not keep EAS operation information available to staff as required. Broadcasters that are licensed by the FCC have important obligations to their communities to be prepared to participate in the EAS system as needed. Although most licensees take this responsibility seriously and serve their communities as key outlets for emergency warnings and alerts, a broadcaster's failure to meet these FCC requirements is a serious offense which can pose real dangers for their communities.

In addition to its apparent EAS violations, the broadcaster also apparently violated a number of broadcast station rules, such as maintaining required records. Lastly, the broadcaster also failed to respond to several Commission inquiries. An agent from the Commission's Anchorage field office discovered the violations and issued a notice to the Licensee. Following numerous such notices and no response from the Licensee, the agency is moving forward with issuing today's proposed fine.

The proposed fine is formally known as a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, and the broadcaster will have 30 days to respond. The Commission will then review the response and any additional evidence, and may then proceed to issue a final forfeiture.

The Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture is available at:  
[https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-98A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-98A1.pdf)

Action by the Commission July 17, 2017 by Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (FCC 17-98). Chairman Pai, Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly approving.

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