

To: FCC EAS Office
 From: Broadcast Warning Working Group (BWWG)
 Date: June 25, 2015
 Re: EAS Issues Needing FCC Action

Priority Issues

BWWG suggests the issues on Page One of this document should be prioritized by the Commission in the numerical order listed in Current and Outstanding Issues.

Current Issues of Importance

#	FCC Action	Reference
1	FCC should issue a Public Notice identifying which Intermediary Devices are compliant with the June 30, 2015 deadline.	Referenced in EAS Rule 11.51(d), (g)(3), and (h)(3).
2	We request that FCC include SECC members in the design, or at least Beta testing, of the new ETRS, and clarify in the process the intended content of the State EAS Plan “data table” vs. the FCC Mapbook being created by ETRS. BWWG has several prominent SECC members and would be pleased to assist the Commission in the ETRS design and testing.	State EAS Plan “data table” referenced in EAS Rule 11.21(a). FCC Mapbook referenced in EAS Rule 11.21(c). Proposal to eliminate FCC Mapbook in 2012 5 th R&O para. 119.

Outstanding Issues that FCC has committed to addressing

These four topics would make a good next NPRM leading to the next R&O.

#	FCC Action	Reference
3	Updating the EAS Operating Handbook.	Referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 210
4	Considering the CSRIC State EAS Plan recommendations.	Referenced in NPRM 14-93 para. 2, and also in 2015 6 th R&O footnote 1. NPRM comments on State EAS Plan changes also referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 274.
5	Considering the SECC authority and responsibility.	Referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 274
6	Standardizing the Live Code test waiver process.	Referenced in NPRM 14-93 para. 2

Further Issues

BWWG suggests Commission should deal with the issues on this page after the priority items on page 1 have been completed. The priority of these items is flexible, thus they have only a letter indication for reference.

Further Outstanding Issues that FCC has committed to addressing

#	FCC Action	Reference
A	Possible changes to the current RWT and RMT.	Referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 277.
B	Whether manual operation of EAS equipment should be allowed for processing the EAN.	Referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 202.
C	Whether translator and satellite stations should no longer be exempt from having EAS equipment.	Referenced in 2012 5 th R&O para. 268.
D	Basic EAS security guidelines.	Referenced in NPRM 14-93, para. 2.
E	Addition of other elements of FEMA's IPAWS to the testing paradigm.	Referenced in NPRM 14-93, para. 2.

BWWG-Identified Issues

#	FCC Action	Reference
F	Solution to ensure that CAP alert text from IPAWS is relayed by EAS Participants, rather than legacy EAS alert generic text from analog monitoring assignments.	New BWWG proposal for improved audiovisual synchronicity and guaranteed CAP alert display.
G	Improve audiovisual synchronicity.	New BWWG proposal to match text crawl speed to spoken work cadence.
H	Improve EAN and NPT message security.	New BWWG proposal to insert "Virtual Red Envelope" code into all EAN and NPT messages to confirm authenticity.

BWWG/FCC Discussion Topics

While not requiring FCC rulemaking action, BWWG requests an audience with the FCC EAS staff to discuss these issues.

#	Topic	References
	Cable TV EAS Presentation	Clarifying delineation of public complains to proper broadcaster or cable operator issue.
	CAP Program Availability	Joint FCC, NOAA, FEMA discussion on alert originators having CAP capability.