

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION**
[OMB 3060–0207]
**Information Collection Being
Submitted for Review and Approval to
the Office of Management and Budget**
AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork burdens, and as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal
Communications Commission (FCC or
the Commission) invites the general
public and other Federal agencies to
take this opportunity to comment on the
following information collection.

Comments are requested concerning:
Whether the proposed collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
Commission, including whether the
information shall have practical utility;
the accuracy of the Commission's
burden estimate; ways to enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information collected; ways to minimize
the burden of the collection of
information on the respondents,
including the use of automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology; and ways to
further reduce the information
collection burden on small business
concerns with fewer than 25 employees.
The Commission may not conduct or
sponsor a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid
Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) control number. No person shall
be subject to any penalty for failing to
comply with a collection of information
subject to the PRA that does not display
a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments should be
submitted on or before December 20,
2019. If you anticipate that you will be
submitting comments, but find it
difficult to do so within the period of
time allowed by this notice, you should
advise the contacts listed below as soon
as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to
Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email
Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov; and
to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@
fcc.gov* and to *Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov*.
Include in the comments the OMB
control number as shown in the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
additional information or copies of the
information collection, contact Nicole

Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a
copy of this information collection
request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go
to the web page <*http://
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*>,
(2) look for the section of the web page
called “Currently Under Review,” (3)
click on the downward-pointing arrow
in the “Select Agency” box below the
“Currently Under Review” heading, (4)
select “Federal Communications
Commission” from the list of agencies
presented in the “Select Agency” box,
(5) click the “Submit” button to the
right of the “Select Agency” box, (6)
when the list of FCC ICRs currently
under review appears, look for the OMB
control number of this ICR and then
click on the ICR Reference Number. A
copy of the FCC submission to OMB
will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of
its continuing effort to reduce
paperwork burdens, and as required by
the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of
1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Federal
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OMB Control Number: 3060–0207.

Title: Part 11—Emergency Alert System
(EAS), Order, FCC 19–57.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of currently
approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-
profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State,
Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents and
Responses:* 63,084 respondents;
3,588,830 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.017
hours—0.68 hours.

Frequency of Response:
Recordkeeping requirement and third-
party disclosure requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.
Statutory authority for this information

collection is contained in 47 U.S.C.
154(i) and 606 of the Communications
Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 140,751 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No
Impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:
Logged information on receipt of the
weekly test by Satellite Digital Audio
Radio Service (SDARS) providers is
retained for two years at the provider's
headquarters, and available for public
inspection upon reasonable request.

Needs and Uses: Part 11 contains
rules and regulations addressing the
nation's Emergency Alert System (EAS).
The EAS provides the President with
the capability to provide immediate
communications and information to the
general public during periods of
national emergency over broadcast
television and radio, cable, direct
broadcast radio and other EAS
Participants, as defined in Section
11.11(a) of the Commission's rules. The
EAS also provides state and local
governments and the National Weather
Service with the capability to provide
immediate communications and
information to the public concerning
emergency situations posing a threat to
life and property. Part 11 includes
testing requirements to ensure proper
and efficient operation of the EAS.

In the Order, EB Docket No. 04–296,
PS Docket No. 15–94, FCC 19–57, the
Commission amended the Part 11 EAS
testing requirements applied to SDARS
providers to (i) eliminate requiring
SDARS providers to transmit weekly
tests in favor of requiring them to only
log receipt of the weekly test, and (ii)
eliminate the requirement that SDARS
providers transmit monthly test on all
channels in favor of requiring them to
transmit the monthly test on 10% of all
of their channels, with channels tested
varying from month to month, so that
over the course of a given year, 100%
of all of its channels are tested.

The Commission seeks OMB approval
of these rule amendments as a
modification of a previously approved
information collection. These changes to
the SDARS testing requirements were
specifically requested by the lone entity
authorized to provide SDARS service in
the U.S. The amendments harmonize
the EAS testing requirements applied to
SDARS service with those applied to the
similarly situated Direct Broadcast
Satellite (DBS) service. Further, the
changes to the SDARS test requirements
represent a net reduction in the burden
imposed on SDARS providers (of which
there is only one). Specifically, the
modified monthly test requirements for
SDARS do not eliminate monthly

testing but likely make such testing less burdensome to administer and schedule. The weekly test requirement for SDARS of substituting logging of receipt of a weekly test for conducting the weekly test, represents a reduced burden, as EAS equipment automatically records when weekly tests are received. Further, not having to transmit the EAS header codes and End of Message (EOM) code on all channels randomly once per week relieves the SDARS provider from having to coordinate and administer such testing.

Because the reduced burden is *de minimis* relative to the aggregate estimated in-house cost to all regulated entities subject to weekly EAS testing requirements, we are not seeking to change the currently approved burden inventory. Specifically, the currently approved burden for conducting weekly tests has been established at 0.017 hours per week, for 40 weeks (weekly tests are not required for the week in which a monthly test is conducted); thus, the annual burden for SDARS providers to conduct weekly tests is 0.68 hours, at an estimated annual in-house cost of \$26 ((0.68) × (\$38 per hour)). While it seems likely that this annual cost will be lessened under the modified weekly testing requirement—to some figure between \$0 and \$26—given that there is only one SDARS provider, that amount will be *de minimis* relative to the total estimated in-house cost to all respondents (currently approved at 42,840 hours at an aggregate cost of \$1,627,920).

The following information collections contained in Part 11 may be impacted by the rule amendments described herein. The revised EAS testing requirements for SDARS providers affect one entity, who formally requested adoption of such amendments. As described above, the revised requirements represent a net reduction in burdens to SDARS providers. The rule amendments may impact currently existing paperwork collection requirements as discussed below.

Section 11.35 requires that all EAS Participants (the entities required to transmit federal EAS alerts) are responsible for ensuring that EAS Encoders/Decoders and Attention Signal generating and receiving equipment used as part of the EAS are installed so that the monitoring and transmitting functions are available during the times the stations/systems are in operation. EAS Participants must determine the cause of any failure to receive the required tests or activations. When the EAS is not operating properly, section 11.35 requires appropriate entries be

made in the station/system logs indicating why any tests were not received for all broadcast streams and cable systems. All other EAS Participants must also keep record indicating reasons why any tests were not received and these records must be retained for two years, maintained at the EAS Participant's headquarters, and made available for public inspection upon reasonable request.

Section 11.61 requires EAS Participants to conduct periodic EAS tests. Tests of the EAS header codes, attention signal, test script and EOM code are required to be performed monthly. Tests of the EAS header codes and end of message codes are made at least once a week. National primary sources shall participate in tests as appropriate. DBS providers, Class D non-commercial educational FM stations and low power TV stations are not required to transmit this test but must log receipt of the test in conformance with Section 11.35. The FCC may request a report of the tests of the national primary sources. In addition, entries must be made in stations/systems logs/records as previously stated.

This information is used by FCC staff as part of routine inspections of EAS Participants. Accurate recordkeeping of this data is vital in determining the location and nature of possible equipment failure on the part of the transmitting or receiving entity. Furthermore, since the national level EAS is solely for the President's use, its proper operation must be assured.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0095]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general

public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before January 21, 2020. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0095.

Title: Multi-Channel Video

Programming Distributors Annual Employment Report, FCC Form 395-A.

Form Number: FCC Form 395-A.

Type of Review: Extension of

currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and

Responses: 2,500 respondents; 2,500 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: One hour.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement and annual reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 2,500 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of