

EAS-WA – Tab 11-A WA-PAWS- Tab B10-A	<b>RMT Procedures</b>	Approved 11.20.19
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- A. It is the responsibility of the area LECC Chair to provide input regarding the local area schedule to the SECC Test Coordinator as the Coordinator compiles the annual statewide Required Monthly Test (RMT) schedule.

In addition, the LECC Chair must coordinate with and ensure that originators in his/her area are aware of the schedule and remind them when an RMT is upcoming. Note: The required RMT duration is 3 hours. Originators should verify that their templates and ENDEC settings are correct.

- B. If an RMT fails and the originator is quickly able to correct the problem, the originator may resend the RMT, but only up to 15 minutes later than the scheduled time. After the 15-minute period, the RMT is considered to have failed and will not be resent.

In the event of a failed RMT (as described above), the originator will determine the cause of the failure and post an explanation of the failure on the EAS remailer ([eas-wa@sbe16.org](mailto:eas-wa@sbe16.org)) so that broadcasters can properly note the reason for the failure in their station logs.

- C. In the event a Local Area Agency is unable to originate a scheduled RMT, the affected agency will contact the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (1-800-258-5990) at least 3 business days in advance and specify the necessary language (e.g., English, Spanish, etc.), the exact wording of the message, and the FIPS codes needed to originate the RMT on the agency's behalf. If possible, the Local Area Agency will also supply a recorded .mp3 audio message to be used by the State EOC. The Local Area Agency may also request that the State EOC use its own recorded audio message. The State EOC will confirm language, message wording, and FIPS codes with the agency prior to originating the substitute RMT.

LECC Chairs may also contact the State EOC to request assistance in generating the substitute RMT and to verify with the State EOC that the substitute RMT has been scheduled.

- D. Agencies are expected to occasionally use their legacy analog EAS equipment to originate scheduled RMTs, and to train operators in its operation by transmitting DMOs (Practice/Demo Warnings) or RWTs (Required Weekly Tests).
- E. During any month when an NPT is scheduled, the scheduled RMT will not be sent. As soon as possible, the SECC Chair or designee will post a message to that effect on the EAS-WA remailer. PROVIDED: That if the SECC determines cause to run the scheduled RMT in addition to the NPT, the SECC Chair or designee will, as soon as possible, post that message on the EAS-WA remailer.
- F. Emergency managers are strongly urged to originate RWTs frequently for operator training and practice, and especially during the weeks prior to their scheduled RMTs. Note: RWTs do not interrupt broadcast programming.
- G. This Tab will be updated annually.

Washington State EOC contact information:

- \* Alert & Warning Center (24-hour): 1-800-258-5990
- \* Alert & Warning Center Supervisor (Mo-Fr): 253-512-7027

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# WASHINGTON STATE 2020 RMT SCHEDULE

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	JAN		FEB	MAR		APR	MAY (1)		JUN	JUL	AUG		SEP (2)		OCT (3)	NOV		DEC				
CENTRAL PUGET SOUND Phil Johnson (206) 930-9369	Fr	2:20 PM	State EOC Monday, February 3, 7:45 AM	Mo	12:30 PM	State EOC Saturday, April 11, 8:00 AM	Tu	10:00 AM	Tu	8:20 AM	State EOC Friday, July 10, 10:50 AM	Mo	7:55 AM	We	8:20 AM	NWS Seattle Thursday, October 15, 10:15 AM	We	8:35 AM	Sa	4:50 PM		
CLALLAM COUNTY Todd Orloff (360) 457-1450	Fr	9:45 AM		Sa	1:00 PM		Th	1:00 PM	We	7:10 AM		Th	6:50 AM	Th	8:45 PM		Sa	2:10 PM	Mo	6:20 PM		
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COASTAL Pat Anderson (360) 533-1320	We	2:50 PM		We	10:50 AM		Th	10:15 AM	Tu	9:50 PM		Mo	8:15 PM	Sa	8:45 PM		Mo	2:45 PM	We	8:50 PM		

In the event a Local Area agency is unable to originate a scheduled RMT, it will contact the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (1-800-258-5990) at least 3 business days in advance and provide the necessary language and FIPS codes to originate the RMT on the agency's behalf. LECC chairs may also contact the State EOC to request this assistance. The State EOC will confirm language and FIPS codes with the agency prior to originating the substitute RMT. The LECC Chair is also authorized to verify with the State EOC that the substitute RMT has been scheduled.

<sup>1</sup> The May RMT will be part of Pierce County's annual lahar test. (1st Tuesday of the month, 10 AM, Central Puget Sound area.)

<sup>2</sup> The day-night order for September and October is reversed so the October test can run as part of the Great Shakeout.

<sup>3</sup> The October test will be part of the Great Shakeout earthquake preparedness drill.

- \* Nighttime tests: Local sunset to 8:30 AM / Daytime tests: 8:30 AM to local sunset
  
- \* Exact times are shown. This will help traffic, programming, and operations departments prepare for the incoming tests.
  
- \* This schedule deviates from the originator schedule in the state plan so that local areas are not responsible for all nighttime tests.
  
- \* Broadcast stations and cable systems have 1 hour to forward an RMT after receiving it.
  
- \* Nighttime tests are not scheduled in the middle of the night in consideration of ... people with weather radios (so they will not be disturbed by their radios being activated by an RMT). people who are alerted by the NWS tone alert system.
  
- \* The October test, which is part of the Great Shakeout earthquake preparedness drill, is scheduled on the third Thursday of the month that the date time (10/17/2013 = 10:17 AM).
  
- \* No tests scheduled at 11AM on Tuesdays due to the regular EMD weekly test.
  
- \* No tests scheduled at Noon on Wednesdays due to the regular NWS weekly test.
  
- \* No tests scheduled on Sundays to eliminate the problems caused by broadcaster's weeks starting on different days.
  
- \* Columbia Gorge schedule determined by the Oregon RMT schedule
  
- \* Inland Northwest, North Central, Okanogan prefer to test on different days