

**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](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov); and  
to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov)  
and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto: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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further reduce the information  
collection burden on small business  
concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

*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](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto: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