



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

February 11, 2019

David H. Arland
Executive Director
Indiana Broadcasters Association
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Dear Mr. Arland:

This letter is in response to your request on behalf of the Indiana Broadcasters Association to conduct an Emergency Alert System (EAS) test using a "live code." I hereby grant a limited, one-time waiver of Sections 11.31, 11.45, and 11.61 of the Federal Communications Commission's EAS rules, 47 CFR Part 11, to permit EAS Participants in Indiana to use the live event code "TOR" in a special statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. on March 19, 2019, with a backup date of March 20, 2019.

This waiver is limited to the test to be conducted on March 19, 2019 or the backup date and applies only as that test is described in your letter dated February 6, 2018. The waiver is based on representations that: (1) without the live codes, the alert would not be relayed through law enforcement communication; (2) wording characterizing the event as a test will be incorporated throughout the test warning; (3) the National Weather Service (NWS) has coordinated the test with all known EAS participants in Indiana; and (4) pre-test publicity will include news releases to all daily newspapers in Indiana, stories in radio and television newscasts, and informational posts on the NWS website.

This grant is conditioned on complete coordination of this test including notifications to all Indiana Public Safety Answering Points, local fire and police departments, and emergency medical services. Additionally, I urge you to conduct as wide-ranging a public information campaign as is practicable about the planned testing event. Please note that this waiver does not allow testing of the Wireless Emergency Alert system.

This rule waiver is granted under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 1.3 and 0.392 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Sections 1.3 and 0.392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Wilhelm".

Michael J. Wilhelm
Chief, Policy and Licensing Division
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Federal Communications Commission