

Non-Substantive Change to Collection 3060-0207

Part 11 of the FCC's rules addresses 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 at the national, state and local area level during periods of national emergency. The EAS also provides state and local governments and the National Weather Service with the capability to provide immediate communications and information to the general public concerning emergency situations posing a threat to life and property.

The FCC is proposing non-substantive updates to previously approved collections represented by the forms associated with the mandatory electronic EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS) that EAS Participants must utilize to file identifying and test result data as part of their participation in any authorized nationwide EAS tests (3060-0207). The collections in the modified ETRS forms are consistent with those approved by the Office of Management and Budget in the 2011 and 2017 revisions to the EAS PRA collection set forth in the FCC's EAS Third Report and Order and in the related 2011 emergency request (and subsequent standard request) for approval of the electronic version of that previously approved collection (and the PRA filing made for the ETRS when it became a mandatory filing mechanism in 2015).

The current modification to the ETRS is to improve and clarify the filing experience. Every change requested either improves efficiency or clarifies previously unclear points for the user. In some cases, we are proposing to implement changes that users requested. The FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB or Bureau), working with the ETRS developers, has made every effort to draft these modifications to be minimal, non-material changes, consistent with previous OMB approvals.

The updates to this collection will cause no change in the burden estimates or reporting and record keeping requirements that the Commission submitted (and which OMB subsequently approved) for the 2011 and 2017 systems.