



FEMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Melton Roland
System Owner

FROM: Lytwaive Hutchinson
Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Authorization Decision for Emergency Notification System

1. As the Authorizing Official (AO), I hereby grant an Authority to Operate (ATO) for the operation and connection of Emergency Notification System that has an overall risk rating of **LOW**. This authorization is granted based on the information provided by the security assessment conducted on October 21, 2019.
2. This ATO will expire three (3) years from the date of issuance, **October 30, 2022**. The system **MUST** be re-authorized prior to the expiration date or the system may be disconnected. Additionally, recertification and authorization are required if: (1) there are significant modifications to the system which alter or impact the security controls, authorization boundary, or architectural design; (2) any additional risk identified during the continuous monitoring process deemed to be unacceptable.
3. System Owners are required to ensure the items listed below are accomplished:
 - a. Compliance with all published Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FEMA Cybersecurity policy requirements. Failure to comply with requirements can result in the ATO being withdrawn.
 - b. Document all vulnerabilities (critical, high, moderate and low) within the system security Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) and DHS Information Assurance Compliance System (IACS).
 - c. POA&M timelines that support this ATO decision must be remediated in accordance with their assigned scheduled completion date. Failure to meet POA&M requirements can result in the ATO being withdrawn.
 - d. The system owner must brief the status of the security authorization POA&M to the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) monthly.
4. For system re-authorization, System Owners should follow the vulnerability remediation requirements outlined in the memorandum, *Vulnerability Remediation Standard for Granting an ATO*, dated July 10, 2019.

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5. My point of contact for this memorandum is, the Deputy CISO, Amber Pearson, amber.pearson@fema.dhs.gov, (202) 212-7339.

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Lytwaive Hutchinson
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