

On Wednesday Nov. 9 at approximately noon MT the state of Nebraska will participate in a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

It will be heard on the radio and seen on local, cable and satellite television.

This test will last for approximately three minutes and return listeners and viewers back to scheduled programming.

The purpose of the test is to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the EAS and identify improvements to better serve communities in the preservation of life and property. Although the EAS is frequently used by the National Weather Service, state and local governments, there has never been a national activation of the system.

The national EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the president to address the American public during extreme emergencies.

This event reminds everyone that they should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves, their families, communities and businesses.