



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1269; FR ID 322531]

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 **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. 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 and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1269.

Title: Enhanced Geo-targeted Wireless Emergency Alerts.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently-approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 25,714 respondents; 25,714 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.1167 hours (7 minutes).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. Statutory authority for this information collection is authorized under the Warning, Alert and Response Network Act, Title VI of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (120 Stat. 1884, section 602(a), codified at 47 U.S.C. 1201, et seq., 1202(a)) (WARN Act) and 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 154(n), 218, 219, 230, 256, 301, 302(a), 303(f), 303(g), 303(j), 303(r) and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 3,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: The WARN Act gives the Commission authority to adopt relevant technical standards, protocols, procedures and other technical requirements governing Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). The Commission adopted rules to implement the WEA system (previously known as the Commercial Mobile Service Alert System) pursuant to the WARN Act to satisfy the Commission's mandate to promote the safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communication. The WEA system transmits emergency alerts to WEA-capable mobile devices, providing consumers with timely warnings and information in emergencies. In 2018, the Commission issued a Report & Order requiring that Participating Commercial Mobile Service Providers (providers) implement enhanced geo-targeting functionality by November 30, 2019 to allow WEA alert originators (*e.g.*, local emergency management offices) to target a WEA alert to eligible devices in a prescribed geographic area (*e.g.*, an area where there is imminent threat of the loss of life or property). See Federal Communications Commission, Wireless

Emergency Alerts; Emergency Alert System, 83 FR 8619, 8623 (Feb. 28, 2018) (announcing a Nov. 30, 2019 amendment to 47 CFR 10.450).

The Commission seeks to evaluate WEA performance, particularly with respect to the accuracy of providers' geo-targeting capabilities. To do so, the Commission will use surveys to collect information and evaluate performance during a WEA test. Survey respondents affiliated with alert originators, partnered with the Commission in different geographic areas of the country, will be asked to complete a survey. The survey will be accessible by a hyperlink embedded in a WEA test alert and by a URL provided by the Commission. The Commission has developed a survey, which is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/wea>. The Commission also made available a Spanish-language version of the test message at, <https://www.fcc.gov/wea-es>. The information sought in this collection is necessary and vital to ensuring that WEA is effective at protecting the life and property of the public.

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